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Things*



*Considered
1999*

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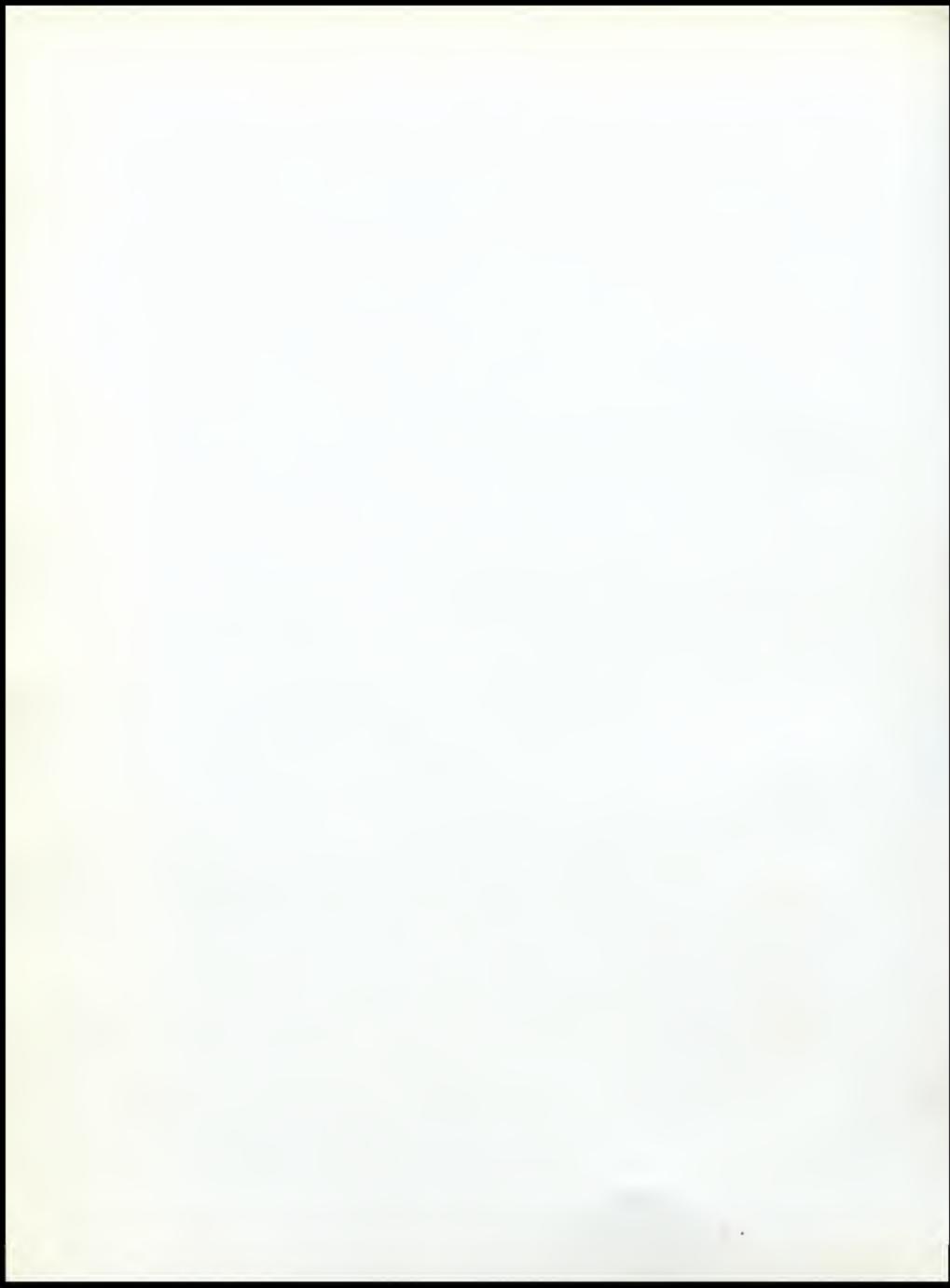
Throughout the school year there are many activities that the student body can get involved with. Most of these activities deal with the clubs the school offers. These range from clubs that one has to be chosen for, for example Honor Society, to clubs that anyone can join. In any case many of these clubs are very involved with the community. Different clubs sponsor dances, bake sales, car washes, and engage in a variety of other programs like the Christmas In April program. It is not all work however. With clubs, it is a chance to meet a lot of new people who may share the same interests, views, and goals.

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Everyone has their own interests and hobbies. So it is no surprise to walk down the halls and see each individual expressing their own uniqueness, and individuality. Many people are now discovering who they are and what is important to them in their lives, or perhaps getting their priorities straightened out. Each person has their own dreams or goals to reach out for and are in the process of preparing themselves for the future. Many friendships are made from this. There is always something new to learn and share with each other for that long journey that is called life.

The minute school starts the sports are beginning. That is not referring to the practices however. Most athletes have already been practicing day after day, morning, noon, and night to prepare themselves for the upcoming season's competitions. Each person striving to do their personal best and perhaps even more. This takes a great deal sweat, effort, and dedication. There is a sense of pride when one can look back relax, take a deep breath, and smile at all that there was accomplished.

As the years go by many opportunities begin to pop up to those who are looking for them and go out to get them. It is time to be looking out and thinking of one's self. Many critical decisions will have to be made. Everyone's will be different. As students grow older it is time to really test all that was taught and learned. Especially to those who are graduating from school and are facing many forks in the road. The phrase "you get out of it what you put into it" fits best here in this situation. The seniors are not the only ones facing problems. The rest of the student body will have their own. Look at the worries in a positive light and make them challenges. Take the challenge and make them opportunities.





There are an estimated 2400 students that come to Portage High School. Each one different and unique in their own way. However when it comes to school spirit, that is when the student body comes together as a whole to show their support for one another.



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Timing it carefully freshman Sonya Brubaker tries to drop an egg in the cup. Freshman Candace Gardner winces with anticipation as sophomore Ashley Safrstrom laughs at Gardner's misfortune.

Photograph by: Katherine Garri

*P*articipating in the pep rally, juniors Cheryl Buerklar

and Desiree Franco show a little innocent competition.

Both Franco and Buerklar show their school spirit by

participating in the junior class skit.



Photograph by: Katherine Garri

*A*s students first enter the halls of PHS, they realize that another year will come and go. What changes will they have to encounter this year? Could it be new teachers, new friends and faces? Or could it be that the wrath of block scheduling has finally taken hold of the administrators at Portage High School. Since last year, rumors of block scheduling have been floating in and out of the halls. Well, the fears of some students came true. This year block scheduling was brought into effect and immediately students turned their backs without considering the opportunities.

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*A*long with block scheduling, the medley of new rules and teachers

signified a year full of fresh learning experiences. These experiences

were not to be damped by rain, sleet, hail, and snow as Portage

High School's motto once again was "The Show Must Go On!"

During the blizzard of '99, even though all of the other schools in

Porter and Lake County were not in attendance, the doors at PHS

were still wide open. The students along with faculty had to cope

with the hardships of Mother Nature. No, there was not the famous

"ten feet of snow, barefoot" journey to school, but many students

and staff members arose to meet their challenges head on.

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*P*art of enjoying your high school years is to participate

in as many activities as you can. Junior Aaron Priest

was involved in the fall play "The Bad Seed" where he

portrayed the father. Priest is also the president of the

junior class and participated in the fall play last year.



Photograph by: Melissa Fritz

*S*enior night is a big event for students involved in

sports. Sophomores Brook Wozniak and Jacklyn

Duvrees are there to show their team unity. It is a

tradition for the senior athletes to leave something for

the lower classmen to remember them by.



Photograph by: Katie Gandy

In the homecoming parade several freshmen rode on their class float, while others walked along side and threw candy to the onlookers.

Katherine Garri

At the homecoming football game against Michigan City, a group of students cheer on the team. This homecoming the football team won the game 34-0.

Katherine Garri

Part of the excitement of homecoming is the Marching Indians at the football homecoming parade. This year the Marching Indians traveled close and far.

Katherine Garri



At the homecoming game against Michigan City, the Indians tried their hardest, using different tactics and strategies to win the game.

Katherine Garri



In a burst of excitement, the football team joins together to begin the game. Part of the teams successful season was the constant motivation they gave. Pep rallies also contributed to team spirit.

Katherine Garri





Homecoming, one of the most anticipated events of the year, gave students a chance to show school spirit. Some celebrated homecoming by painting themselves while others went to the pep rally and football game.

"Homecoming is a way to celebrate a football game. My favorite part of homecoming was throwing all the confetti at the rally," junior Matthew Mahns said. Part of the pep

rally consisted of each class acting out a skit. "The pep rally was entertaining. I thought the junior's wrestling act was the best," junior James Pekar said. Then came the football game. "It was raining really hard and it was cold but we won and that's all that matters," sophomore Scott Knutson said. The Indians shut out the Wolves 32-0.

spirit

BY KATIE HANNAH



The senior class congregates together at the homecoming pep rally. Each of the classes helped out and competed against each other with skits.

Focusing on the game together is sophomore David Klimczyk and junior James Oliver. Both had played in many games before the homecoming game.

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Baring Opinions

She walks down the hallway thinking about how good she looks in her new spaghetti strap tank top and how everyone must be looking at her. Suddenly there is a tap on her shoulder, turning around is a principal standing there, "Come with me please." As she is lead down to the office, the only thing she can think about is how embarrassing it is.

The new dress code has sent some of Portage High School students in an uproar. The "shoulders must be covered at all times" addition has been the biggest downfall. Students feel they should be allowed to wear tank tops to school.

Junior Sarah Alsman said, "Most of my clothes were tank tops, so when I started school I did not have anything to wear. If it's nice out, we should be allowed to wear tank tops. It's not endangering anybody else so they don't have any right to control what we wear."

Some students understand why the rule was made, but they still do not agree with it. Junior Sarah May said, "I

think the tank top rule was made because girls were going too far, and they don't want us to look sleazy. I understand that the school made the tank tops rule because skimpy clothes are not school appropriate, and spaghetti straps are skimpy, but not all tank tops are bad."

Wearing tank tops to school is made possible by adding shear shirts over them or little sweaters. Guys on the other hand have to find wider straps that cover their entire shoulder. "I think people should be allowed to wear them [tank tops] if they have them, it doesn't reveal anything," said junior Dale Gebert. Most students do not agree with the dress code. "I would change the dress code to where people can wear what they want. It is just clothing, and if people don't like what other people think about what they wear, then don't wear it!" said junior Krystal Levali.

Students opinions may vary but one thing always comes to mind and will probably never change, the phrase, "You can't please everybody."

schools become unsafe for everyone now a days, including students

administration locks Along with the "No Open Containers" and the "Driving Privilege" additions, there is a new form of protection; more security during school hours.

The administration feels the students are not protected enough. In order to make them feel safer, they have locked all of the doors during school hours and posted signs on the them. The only doors that are open during school are the main doors in East and West (entrances A and B). Inside the buildings by the entrances there are teachers assigned to monitor those doors. If a visitor were to come to the school for any such reason, they would have to speak with the teacher first. The visitor would then sign in and be issued a guest pass. The pass would have to be worn during the entire visit in the build-

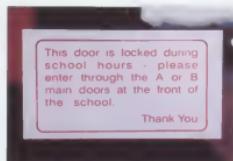
ing. When the visitor wanted to leave, they would then have to return to the designated teacher and sign out the time that they left.

Due to the crimes committed in schools across the country, this new system is designed to protect the safety and well being of every body in the building. The one thing that may cause a problem is when students are late to school. They must go through the same procedure in signing in with the teacher and then in turn signing in with attendance. This may cause some confusion with

their first block teacher as to what time they came in and may be marked absent. The students will go through various steps to fix everything.

Although it may seem bad to some students, some of the teachers do not feel the same. "Many people (in the community) have responded with positive comments on our new system. Most of them seem to like it and they let us know about it with compliments when they visit the school," Mrs. Lynn Huerta said.

With new additions coming and going, everyone will have to learn to adjust to the changes.



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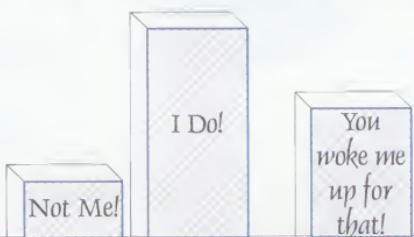


Open containers still cause problems

If you are thirsty at school you might want to think about bringing in some money or settling for water because you can not bring in anything from home. The administration is in fear of some students bringing in alcohol in their Fruitiopia bottle or vodka in an Evian container, so they started to crack down.

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How many students bring in open containers anyway?



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Students may lose their driving privilege if...

1. They are suspended twice in a school year.
2. They are expelled from school.
3. They receive (4) truant absences in a school year.
4. They withdraw from school.

compiled by: Tiffany Ramirez



Photograph by: Katherine Carris

"I think the driving rule is stupid. If you don't come to school then you lose your license. But what if it is necessary for you to have a license? Then what are you going to do?"
Sophomore Kristen Selsom

There is a new state driving rule to try and prevent students from missing school. The rule was specifically made for those students who chose not to go to school, withdrew from school, or have done something to be removed from school. If a student falls under any of the four categories listed he/she may lose their privilege to drive to school.

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Make the Right Choice

All 18 year olds have to make a choice. Whether or not to fulfill their civil duty and vote.

"I think that 18 year olds don't vote because they don't believe in the ideas of the government. They think they exercise their rights of the country by not voting, but in all actuality they're missing out on their rights by not using their voice to select a worthy bureaucrat," said sophomore Adam Higgins.

Many of the students interviewed agree that 18 year olds do not vote because of mere laziness, or the thought that their vote does not count. "Eighteen year olds do not vote, because they don't think that one person will make

a difference. That's why my sister didn't vote. I myself don't agree," sophomore Monica Bedroya. Other students did not have the same feelings.

"Eighteen year olds don't vote because they either don't know the candidates or they don't understand the issues on hand. Therefore, they feel that they shouldn't vote. Some feel as though it doesn't have anything to do with them, so why should they vote?" said senior Joseph Stanley.

Some students may not think voting has anything to do with them, but

it does. They take part in choosing who will lead their country. Some students just do not understand the concept of voting, or do not care.

"Most 18 year olds don't really know why people don't vote. I guess that most seniors don't care. They just want to get out of school and get out on their own. They don't want to waste their new time of freedom on voting, just yet," said senior Aaron Jeffers.

Next time the elections come around, eighteen year olds should take it seriously, learn about the candidates, make the right decision for them and their community; and vote.

written by: Tiffany Ramirez



VOTE

Take a look at What's Hot & What's Not

High Heeled Platforms

Bootcut Jeans

Black Leather Jackets

Quarter Length Sleeves

Cargo Pants

Bell Bottoms

Long Skirts with Slits

Tank Tops

Fuzzy Sweaters

V-Necked Shirts

Short Hair
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Sandals with Socks

Wide Leg Jeans

Long Trench Coats

Camouflage

Knee-High Tights

Ripped Jeans

Baby Tee's

Chains on Wallets

Turtleneck Shirts

Sweatpants

Dying Hair with Kool-Aid
Jennifer Kaiser

Songs that Topped the Charts

compiled by Nicholas Christian

2nd Jay Z
Can I get a what...

3rd Master P
Make 'em say ugh

4th Aaliyah
Are you that somebody

5th Blink 182
Dammit

6th Offspring
Pretty fly for a white guy

7th Monifah
Touch it

8th Will Smith
Miami

1st N'sync
God must have spent a little more time on you



9th Beastie Boys
Intergalactic

10th Mya, Blackstreet, Mase,
Blinky Blink
Take me there

11th Jennifer Paige
Crush

12th DMX
How's it going down

13th Mya
Movin' on

14th Everclear
Father of mine

15th Monica
Angel of mine

What's your opinion on the rule against "disruptive items" in school?



"Players should be allowed in school, because it doesn't really interfere with school so why not allow them?"



"I think that you should be able to bring your personal property, but you should be responsible to care for it and use it only between classes."



"I think it is stupid. Why bring in CD players anyway? Because they'll just get broken or stolen from other students."

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compiled by: Regina Gutiérrez

Blasting

off

again

On October 29, 1998, older person," said at 1:19 P.M. John Glenn was launched into space from NASA's



Astronauts Steve Robinson, right, John Glenn, center, and Chiaki Mukai are shown in this video image during the ascent stage of the launch of the space shuttle Discovery Thursday, Oct. 29, 1998.

Kennedy Space Center Launch Complex 39-B. Glenn, returning to the space program after 36 years, not only performed many tests, but was actually a test himself.

"I will serve as a payload specialist and a subject for basic research on how weightlessness affects the body of an

a press conference. The tests were to help treat the frailties of old age, as well as to benefit younger astronauts and people. At the same time, Glenn was also making history by becoming the oldest person to ever be launched into space. "At 77 years

of age, I will be the oldest astronaut

to fly in space by 16 years and nearly twice the age of the average astro-

naut," said Glenn.

to vocational and regular parking areas.

If you have not noticed, the arrangement contains the front and left side of the east building for the busses, and is blocked off during school hours because, "The area by the tennis courts was an accident waiting to happen," said Hale. The student parking lot is available on the right side of the east building and in the front of the west building. The administrators were a little skeptical about the procedure but, "Early signs indicate that this procedure is working, and the only way is because of cooperation," said Hale. It may have been hard to remember but the students adjusted well.



The space shuttle Discovery, carrying a crew of seven astronauts including Sen. John Glenn, D-Ohio, thunders off the launch pad Thursday afternoon Oct. 29, 1998.

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What's Next?

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Confused

White House

One of the biggest controversies to find Capitol Hill this year was not something planned at the White House. It was in the White House. The person responsible for it was not a "little person" either; it was "Big Bad Bill".

It all started in 1994 when Paula Jones, a government employee, was pressing charges on the president for sexual harassment. Without any witnesses or physical evidence, the Supreme Court dropped the case saying that "with the circumstances being what they are with the lack of evidence the case would be dropped". Then White House intern Monica Lewinsky came forward with a taped conversation and physical evidence of her story. The Supreme Court now accepted the case.

Now with these accusations, the United States would be amazed that a man of power would literally be caught with his

"pants down". The president turned the tables and played the victim by saying he was innocent and was being taken advantage of because of his powerful position.

For the next six months, the whole world would believe Clintons' word when he proclaimed his innocence every chance he had. Until via satellite on trial and under oath, Clinton confessed to having a sexual relationship with Lewinsky. Clinton apologized to the whole nation for having a sexual relationship with Lewinsky. Then he went into detail about the account which everybody was disgusted in and left Mrs. Clinton questioning their marriage.

The end of 1998 will bring the impeachment trial of Bill Clinton on trial for violating rules and laws. The entire nation has lost a great deal of respect for Clinton and the

government. When a person with high profile does something like this and gets away with it, people become upset because the person is given special treatment and the average Joe would not get away with it.

Mini-Magazine



A Chicago-bound commuter reads the morning headlines about President Clinton's relationship with Ms. Lewinsky as he heads to work Tuesday, Aug. 18, 1998.



Monica Lewinsky arrives at her attorney's Washington office Tuesday, July 28, 1998.



Independent Counsel Ken Starr talks to reporters outside of the Little Rock, Ark., federal court house Thursday, Aug. 20, 1998.



President Clinton listens to questions concerning his discussion with secretary Betty Curme about him being alone with Lewinsky.

Movies

1 Armageddon

2 Saving Private Ryan

3 Godzilla

4 Deep Impact

5 Zethal Weapon 4

6 Dr. Doolittle

7 Something About Mary

8 The Truman Show

9 Mulan

10 City of Angels

Least Grossing Movies

1 Mr. Nice Guy

2 Why Fools Fall In Love

3 Holyman

4 Deep Rising

5 Farney's Great Adventure

6 The Newton Boys

7 Knock Off

8 The Spanish Prisoner

9 Sir Bud: Golden Receiver

10 Dirty Work

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R ecord B reaking

Season It all starts in late April with some thoughts of a legendary record being broken. For one man to do it would be amazing, two would be unthinkable.

Well, one thing led to another and 135 balls and \$776.25 dollars later (Five dollars and seventy-five cents per ball.), in late September Mark McGwire of the St. Louis Cardinals and Sammy

Sosa of the Chicago Cubs both beat the record for having 61 homeruns in a single season. Mark McGwire was the first to surpass this record. Then just a few games later, Sammy Sosa also broke the record.

Mark McGwire was thought

to break the mark when he had an amazing eight homeruns in his first 10 games. That same unbelievable record brought back many of the fans that lost interest in the game after the strike shortened season of '94. McGwire "cooled" off toward the All-Star break that marks the middle of the season, but then turned on the afterburners as soon as the All-Star break ended. The rest is history.

Sammy Sosa started off slow. Only to pick up in the middle of the season and never look back. Not only did he break the record of 61 homeruns in a single season, but he was also the first Puerto Rican to do so.

Both McGwire and Sosa had a remarkable season that is sure to go down in the record books.



St. Louis slugger Mark McGwire hits home run number 62 against the Chicago Cubs in St. Louis, Tuesday Sept. 8, 1998.



Chicago Cubs slugger Sammy Sosa watches his 61st home run leave the park during a game against the Brewers on Sunday, Sept. 13, 1998.

Handbooks, necessity or nuisance?

Contributed by Regina Guindas

Abook, one that holds many powers. You're thinking a handbook?

Wrong. One book that has such power as to let us use the bathroom, make up some homework and allow us to enter our own school, is the power of the HANDBOOK.

The handbook allows the students passes to the restroom, hour and to other classrooms. It

also lets the principals see if the students are allowed out of their classes or not. Even though the basic opinion of the handbook is that students may not want to carry it around, they may find that it is helpful.

Basically, the handbook will answer any questions about school students may have.

"we all don't need them handbooks, but if you do get in trouble it is a good resource to look back upon."

junior Ricardo Viera



Photo by Kristy Opon

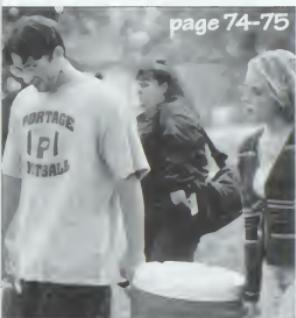
All **Activities** *Considered*

Many students choose to get involved in school

Joining one another “at the pole” juniors
activities. Junior Mark Wiseman participates in a
Heather Vondrasik, Tresa Szabo, and Jennifer
game for leadership class. Others may choose to be
Rhodus pray with the Youth Alive group. Senior
involved in athletic training, such as seniors
Amanda Pirowski shows off her cheerleading
Heather Jaques and Robert Wells.
moves during a basketball game.



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Front Row: Sara Crowley, Rachel Vallejo, Adam Velazquez, Emily Craighead, Curt Shaffer, Cassandra Hendon, Kelly Pokorney **Second Row:** Nichole Leone, Jason Fields, Karin Lysdon, Tressa Sabo, Nicholas Rodgers, Kellie Wineinger, Tara Cardenas **Third Row:** John Hrisofos, Erin Wendt, Jake Shear, Angela Roberts, Deanna Zych, Brian Zingo, Krista King, Brian Sarnowski, Brandi Heys, Sara Fazekas, Kristen Leon



Symphonic Choir

What do you do in choir? Miss Riggs

How Many? 31

What do you do in choir? The choir raffled off a cruise, sponsored a Burger King benefit night, held a Christmas beanie baby raffle, wrapped presents at Barnes and Nobles, sang at a Lenten service and participated in Hire the Choir, an event that allows people to have the choir do odd jobs around their houses, the choir held a fall concert, a Christmas concert, sacred concert, and a pre-contest concert, students participated in American Sings in Washington D.C., an Evening with Gershwin, District solo/ensemble contest, state solo/ensemble and ISSMA organization contest. "My favorite parts of choir this year was the trip to Washington, D.C., preparing the music, having fun, and doing service projects," sophomore Sara Crowley said.

Say



sophomore Kathryn Trathen

"My favorite part of choir is the relationships you form with the other members. When everyone puts forth the effort we are able to become like a large family."



sophomore Erin Wendt

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Marcus Rainwater

What?



photograph by: Stephen Tolson

While in class sophomore Sara Crowley practices for a contest. Crowley participated in chorale as well as symphonic choir.

During a break in her part, junior Gina Koennemann waits for her turn to re-enter the piece. The concert choir held four concerts through the entire year.



While another group, senior Krista King and junior Angela Roberts look over their parts in the piece. Synphonic author held many fundraisers including candy sales.



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Concert Choir

Ms. Riggs
How Many? 54

Concert choir participated in the music department fundraiser, choir held a fall concert, a Christmas concert, a sacred concert and a pre-contest concert, students also participated in ISSMA organization contest and a choir festival, "An Even song with Gershwin," some students took part in district solo and ensemble, "My favorite thing about choir was just the thought of singing," freshman Sunshine Thomas said.



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The symphonic choir prepares for a performance in Washington, D.C. The choir went to the nation's capital for America Sings.



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From Row: Jennifer Novotny, Christina Vega, Ada Everett, Jesse Lembeck, Jason Michael Bristow, Brian Samowski, Nicole Flannery, Tabitha Josleyne Marina Mendez, *Second Row:* Heather Tidwell, Sunshine Thomas, Kelly Snow, Marisol Flores, Robert Ray Vega, Jason Fiedler, Stephanie Olson, Ryan Garcia, Tiffany Lee, Krista *Third Row:* Yasmine Fontanez, Nicole O'Conor, Brittnie Chamberlain, Amanda Elkins, Holly Burgess, Karen Delpino, Samantha Hedger, Shreeya Walker, Carrie Owens, Charnell Bucy, *Top Row:* Kylie Fulkerson, *Fourth Row:* Karen Jones, Kody Jones, Tiffany Rigoni, Melaine Benz, Jocelyn Crisp, Melaine Benz, Tiffany Galasso, Anna Reeves, Laray Foster, Anna Chapman, Gina Koenemann, Sereena Leto, Kimberly Reese, Danielle Marquez, Yvonne Daril, Natalie Parap.

To perfect the song, juniors Amy Barwig and Rhonda McQuery practice their parts. The choir held a food drive to distribute in Washington, D.C.

In order to prepare for upcoming performances freshman Shelby Luna and junior Tiffany Castagna share a sheet to study and memorize their parts.

In Girls' Glee sophomores Wendy Eastwood, and Rachel Fisher follow along as their teacher, Miss. Riggs, tells them ways that will help them to improve on their singing skills.



Say



“It’s a lot of hard work, but we have a lot of fun and you make a lot of good friends”

Sophomore Sara Crowley

“My favorite part of choristers is the commitment of the members toward getting their work done.”



Senior Jason Fields

photographs by
Stephanie Lofland

What?



In class, Mrs. Riggs went over a worksheet she handed out. In May the girls participated in the Choir Festival "An Evening With Gershwin".

Front Row: Shannon Sandlin, Tiffany Sherwood, Lisa May, Shannon Smolar, Patty Volle, Heidi Durkin, Shelbie Luna, Tiffany Castagna, Sabrina Leto.
Second Row: Kristen Crouch, Emily Henke, Jessica Santos, Lori Alicea, Patricia Snoder, Jaime Conn, Valerie Borg, Rachel Hood, Triana Hasselgren, Tabitha Lee.
Back Row: Tiffany Hagen, Kathleen Appelman, Valerie Warner, Katie Lurch, Wendy Eastwood, Alicia Roman, Rachel Fisher, Cindy Howard, Alice Farr.



Girls Glee

Miss Wendy Riggs
How Many? 25

They have accomplished the Fall Concert, Christmas Concert, Festival, Sacred and Pre-Contest concerts. “The best part of choir is seeing how far we’ve come since the beginning of the year,” said freshman Shelby Luna. “We learn how to work together. You can’t be in choir without it,” said sophomore Tiffany Sherwood. “It’s fun when we get our work done and everyone works together,” said sophomore Triana Hasselgren.





Choraliers

Miss Wendy Riggs

How Many? 15

Average Age: 16

President Cassandra Hendon

Vice President Rachel Vallejo

What are you all about? "The choraliers are like a family," said sophomore Curt Shaffer. "My favorite part of choraliers is the commitment of the members toward getting their work done," said senior Jason Fields. The Choraliers also have done Burger King fundraisers, Church banquets, Prime Timers concert, Knights of Columbus, and they performed at the mid-term graduation.

Front Row: Krista King, Kayla Rawdon, Kelly Pokornay. *Second Row:* Rachel Vallejo, Kathryn Trathen, Sara Crowley, Curt Shaffer, Kevin Liswey, Cassandra Hendon. *Back Row:* Brian Zingo, Shannon Smolar, Shelbie Luna, Erin Wendt, Diana Zych, Jason Fields

Girls' Glee practices for their upcoming concert. Girl's Glee has performed at concerts such as the Fall Concert and at the Christmas Concert.



Photographer by Marissa Rainwater



Photographer by Marissa Rainwater

Girls' Glee has accomplished a lot during this school year. During March they combined the Sacred concert and Pre-Contest Concert and in April they did the ISSMA Contest.

Say



freshman Valerie Smeltzer

“It's fun, because we get to learn a lot of new music.”



freshman Michelle Mihalik

What?



As the symphonic orchestra plays, junior Mathew Hutchins plays the bass. This year they performed at the mid-term graduation.

Each looking at one sheet of music are sophomore Melissa Misner and Danielle Kowalczyk. Class time was used for honing skills..

Front Row: Bryan Standerksi, Corrine Miller, Karin Russell, Valerie Smeltzer, Kristina Manning, Kimberly Bailey, Dorothy Cantu, Alex Mulvihill.
Second Row: Aslinn Tibbets, Stefan Hutchins, Angel Lemus, Erin Rooney, Candice Gardner, Bernadette Welsh, Michael Grochowski.

Third Row: Elizabeth Caldwell, William Ripple IV, Jesse Shelby, Margaret Hostettler, Mrs. Carlson.



Symphonic Strings

Mrs. Carlson

How Many? 22

Some of the Symphonic Strings accomplishments were Run out Concerts, and a Chamber Concert.



Concert Orchestra

Mrs. Carlson

How Many? 40

This year the Concert Orchestra accomplished a Large Ensemble Contest, Concerts for the Middle Schools, and a Chamber Concert.





Symphonic Orchestra

Conductor: Mrs. Carlson

How Many? 36

What do you think? Some of the Symphonic Orchestra's accomplishments included performing for the midterm graduation, performing for their Christmas concert, performing at Solo and Ensemble, and participating in their Chamber Concert.

Front Row: Ashlee DeHaven, Mary Stinson, Kristin Siminski, Crystal Palmateer, Danielle Kowalczyk, Victoria Perez, Heather Piazza, Julie Peters, Elizabeth Enico, Kari Tharp, Alison Mayfield, Mrs. Carlson.
Front Row: Erin Nolan, Breanna Beike, Sara Derringer, Amanda Jones, Belinda Meyers, Melissa Misner, Shaina Peot, Jessica Berquist, Eileen Craighead, Thomas Erickson, Front Row: Adam Higgins, Tressa Sabo, Christopher Kanich, Jennifer Mesch, Julie Green, Elizabeth Collins, James Kallimani, Jacob Wood, Catherine Marsh, Alison Mendez, Marc Hutchins.

In this junior James Kallimani plays his violin. An orchestra consists of a variety of different string instruments.



Photograph by: Mrs. Carlson

As the bow moves back and forth Kathryn Parduhn practices playing her violin. This year symphonic band put in many extra hours.



Two playing music are juniors Amanda Polipovich and Kari Tharp. This year symphonic orchestra prepared for many contests.

Photograph by: Mrs. Carlson

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In class, sophomore Lauren Niemciewicz does her part in the musical piece. Symphonic band held a concert this year to recruit sixth graders.

Concert Band

Mr. William Timmerman

How Many? 70

What are you all about? The concert band has accomplished the Christmas concert, the fall concert, the spring concert, and also the music fundraiser. "I really like the concerts, because you can show your parents what you've learned so far," sophomore Jillynn Guth said. "If I make a mistake I just play through it, and try to do better." sophomore Robert Espinoza said. "I have a better appreciation for music because of band," freshman Afriyie Daniels said.



Photograph by: Symphonic I. M. S.



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In practice for a concert, sophomore Patrick Jordan attempts to get the tune right with his tuba. Each instrument plays a vital part in putting on a concert.

With each breathe, sophomore Cheryl Lightfoot follows each line of music. Concert band has played a wide variety of music this year.



Photograph by: Symphonic I. M. S.

Say



sophomore Cynthia Baker

“I've learned how to work together as a group this year.



sophomore Adam Rodgers

What?

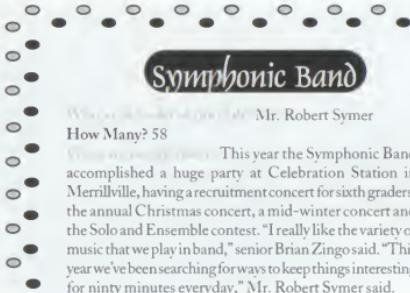
After song to song, senior Peggy Shelton and junior Meredith Breyfogle manage to keep a good attitude through the time spent practicing. Symphonic band participated in both the Solo and Ensemble contest.



Photo credit: Amber Miltz



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Symphonic Band

Mr. Robert Symer
How Many? 58

This year the Symphonic Band accomplished a huge party at Celebration Station in Merrillville, having a recruitment concert for sixth graders, the annual Christmas concert, a mid-winter concert and the Solo and Ensemble contest. "I really like the variety of music that we play in band," senior Brian Zingo said. "This year we've been searching for ways to keep things interesting for ninety minutes everyday," Mr. Robert Symer said.

In between songs, junior Megan Piddington shuffles through her folder to find an assignment. The performance of music also reflected on students' grades for symphonic band.

While in class, junior Bethany Kane adjusts a metronome. During the year, symphonic band used many methods of keeping in rhythm.

Photo credit: Amber Miltz



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While in class, senior Samuel Mulvihill concentrates while learning a new piece. Samuel was in jazz band II this year.

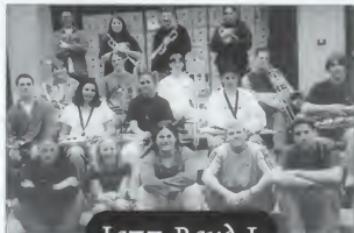
In a spare moment, senior Derek Ferguson practices a series of bars. Derek plays bass in jazz band and for his own leisure.



Photo by Amy Nelson



Front Row: Marcus Gilbert, Erin Ables, Joseph Vose III, Jason McKinney, Joseph Bloomfield III **Second Row:** Aaron Priest, Angel Chavez, Asa Roberts, Cameron Kelly-Johnson **Third Row:** Tammy Chadwick, Kenneth Cheney, Ethan Hitchcock, Paul Shinneman **Fourth Row:** Kevin Kosovich, Sally Detterline, Brian Zingo, Jeffrey Williams



Jazz Band I

Mr. Robert Symer
How Many? 17

The jazz band had the Christmas concert, a pre-contest concert, contest, spring swing concert, festivals around the state and reads advanced literature. "Even though waking up in the morning is hard, the experiences I had in jazz band were worth it," senior Brian Zingo said.

Say



senior Amy Nelson

“It gives me the opportunity to learn about jazz and to become a better player.”



sophomore Erin Ables

“My peers in jazz band make the experience worthwhile and enjoyable.”

What?

With a smile junior Kelly Kirk plays the drums. The jazz bands performed at four concerts throughout the year.



Photographer: Katherine Matheris



Jazz Band II

**Mr. Robert Symer
How Many? 16**

The jazz band had four concerts, the Christmas concert, the pre-contest concert, contest and the spring swing concert. "I'm really proud of our students for their efforts in helping to make Portage High School jazz bands some of the finest in the state," said Mr. Symer.

Front Row Samuel Malvihill, Amy Nelson, Joe Falk, Kelly Kirk **Second Row**: Carrie Coleman, Melissa Fritz, Deanna Zych, Amanda Hart **Third Row**: Gerald Fritz, Stephen Fejes, Kevin Nush, Michael Jungseneen **Fourth Row**: Frank Good, Marcus Rainwater, Charlie Mathewson, Daniel Fulkerson



Photographer: Katherine Matheris



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Photographer: Katherine Matheris

While he practiced in the morning class before school, junior Jason Pomales play the trumpet. Pomales is also in jazz band II.

To prove practice makes perfect, sophomores Stephen Fejes and Kevin Nush play the trombone. Jazz band had on four concerts.



Photograph by: Stephanie E. Oland

Lab Band makes perfect, no one knows this better than Lab Band. The band practiced five days a week for an hour and a half.

A freshman Nicole Dearing plays her clarinet, she shows that band is not just playing the notes, but another important part is being able to follow the notes.

Members of Lab Band get situated before class begins. Each day starts off with a warm-up, followed by lots of practice for their upcoming concerts.



Lab Band

How Many? 96
Mr. Webdell

This year we have been able to perform some of the hardest music ever played by Lab Band. The difference between Lab Band and other bands is that Lab Band has mostly freshmen, and only a few upperclassmen.



Photograph by: Stephanie E. Oland

Say



“The one thing that I like about Lab Band is the people. They are all just really nice and it gives you a chance to make new friends.”

freshman Michelle Mosca



freshman Melanie Morales

“Lab Band is really fun and you learn a lot about music and that it's more than just playing an instrument”

What?

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Stephanie Lofland and
Jennifer Vargas



With a pull of her trombone freshman Caroline Benko-Meyer begins to practice her sheet music for their concert. They also have performed at the Christmas, the Fall and Mid-Winter Concerts.



photographs by
Stephanie Lofland



Every concert offers a unique show, but these shows do not come without practice. Freshman Jaime Nolan displays this while she practices playing her flute.



There is more to percussion than just the drums. Sophomore Matthew Konopasek demonstrates his ability to play on the Xylophone.

At a boys basketball home game, freshmen Jamie Nolan, Jacqueline Chagova, and senior Kara Snoder look at their music while they played the flutes in Pep Band.



While he plays his trombone, sophomore Pep Band member Ethan Fiehock concentrates on his music. The Pep Band played during the Basketball games.



During the homecoming parade, Senior Pege Shelton, Junior Sham'al Carroll and seniors Sara Thatcher and Roselle Doyle lead the marching band down Central Avenue. Shelton, Carroll, Thatcher, and Doyle were members of the Flag Corps.





A Day in the Life of Mr. Troy Webdell

How Many? 115

Q & A

Drum Majors: Trisha Eastwood

Brandon Rainwater

What are you all about? Competed with other Marching Bands in Indiana, Illinois, and the nation.

Front Row: Moises Otero, Crista Luchene, Allison Mendez, Sebrina Leto, Brian Bowles, Joseph Voye, Ryan Henry, Vince Lusk, Craig Stafford, Chad Copeland, Matthew Konopasek, Gary Pilipovich, Jade Kinsey, Trisha Eastwood, Brandon Rainwater. **Second Row:** Shannon Sandlin, Vicenta Chagoya, Katherine Osifizio, Brandy Hart, Tiffany Rigoni, Shelbie Luna, Leah Selby, Jocelyn Crisp, Michelle Raupach, Melissa Deavers, Jennifer Belleville, Daniela Gazibara, Michelle McNamara, Jennifer Abbott, Alicia MacMillan, Kayla Rawdon, Sara Fazekas, Jessica Pomales, Jennifer Jern, Kimberly Reese, Lorelei Shannon, Melanie Benz. **Third Row:** Danielle Ciesliski, Josh McCluskey, Crystal Kniola, Michael Lukacovic, Dennis Cimbaljevich, Christopher Daniel, Sara Cieringer, Roxanne Kreig, Christina Sanchez, Meredith Breyfogle, Barbara Staton, Jamie Nolan, Cameron Kelly-Johnson, Sabrina Rainwater, Timothy Cuttill, Joleen Wiatrowski, Michelle Green, Angela Espinoza, Michelle Blank, Tracy Zagana, Deborah Roberts, Lisa Lombardi, Christopher Durkin. **Fourth Row:** Kelly Pokorney, Amy Lesko, Neil Sly, Jennifer Hallimen, John Hrisofos, Erik Arvidson, Daniel Fulkerson, Christopher Opolski, Jeffrey Williams, Frank Good, Kevin Kosovitch, Charlie Mathewson, Brian Zingo, Ashley Coombs, Jason Pomales, Sarah MacMillan, Honey Paul, Robbie Haner, Michael Jurgensen, Kami Brown, Crystal Cavanaugh, Kelly Fulkerson, Matthew Mihalik. **Fifth Row:** Evelyn Otero, Nicole MacMillan, Honey Paul, Robbie Haner, Michael Jurgensen, Kami Brown, Crystal Cavanaugh, Ethan Hitchcock, Sally Dettterline, Marcus Rainwater, Melissa Fritz, Bryan Krieg, Stephen Fejes, Kevin Nush, Robert Espinoza, Charles Mitchell, Erin Fitzgerald, Brandie Kotulock, Bryan Scheub, Paul Shinneman, Kenneth Cheney.

Q n the way to the Homecoming parade, freshmen Kelly Fulkerson, Frank Good, Christopher Daniel, Barbara Staton, and Junior Jason Pomales show their excitement about playing in the parade.



With a grin on his face, Senior Joseph Tarin checks whether his radio is working properly by telling sophomore Jill Nestler a joke. The JROTC members used radios while working security at sporting events.

Discipline and motivation are key elements in becoming a member of JROTC. Freshman Adam Ferguson stands at attention with a drill rifle that was once used during the Vietnam War era.



QOne of the functions of the JROTC is to present the flag at sporting events.

Senior Philip Trece, juniors Richard Keever and James Rutledge, and sophomore Cynthia Baker hold formation during the national anthem...

Charity and friendship are also parts of what JROTC is all about. Freshman?2 Christopher Puskac, ?Julie Damon, and ?Ryan Hyres relax together during lunch.





Say

“ Pow Wow takes a lot of hardwork and dedication. We're a team and without teamwork, the paper would never be what it is. ”



“ I've learned responsibility and working with others. ”



sophomore Nicole Robinson

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Amber Holeman &
Jennifer Kaiser

What?





Front Row: Ruth Hall, Crystal Nunez, Amy Nelson, Regina Gudinas. *Second Row:* Allison Petta, Tara Curtis, Michael Bornstein, Mrs. Weise, Tony Curtis.



Art by: Mrs. Curtis



Art Club

How Many? 10

Mrs. Paula Wiese

president Micheal Bornstein
vice president Tara Curtis
secretary Amy Nelson
treasurer Ruth Hall

What are you all about? The Art Club is for people to do projects outside the classroom. Mrs. Lindquist and Mrs. Kerns approached Mrs. Wiese about doing a mural in their area. The art club has designed a mural with careers as its theme.



Art by: Jason John



Art by: Christian Nelson and Valerie Wheeler



Art by: Jennifer DeLeon

Say

 sophomore Crystal Nunez

 senior Amy Nelson

“I love to paint and maybe someday we'll finish the mural.**”**

What?

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Jennifer Vargas



Art by: John Culburn

Art Club

Front Row: Tricia Rogala.
Second Row: Margarita Ramirez, Marisol Flores, Valeria Warner. *Third Row:* Justeen Schultz, Saralin Fuentes, April Campbell, Megan Van Auken. *Back Row:* Mr. Guzikowski, Randon Lingenfelter



SADD Stop

Mr. Jim Guzikowski

How Many? 12

president Tricia Rogala
vice president Sebrina Leto

What are you all about? Did Homecoming parade, handed out pamphlets, Red ribbons, Blue ribbons, Day of the Dead, and post prom.

In the homecoming parade the Sadd Stop members march down the street to advertise against drugs and alcohol. Sadd/stop gave out information to help the student body learn of the dangers they may encounter.



The meeting is adjourned for Sadd Stop and sophomores Ivan Colon, Scott Wolozanski, freshman Catherine DeLeon, and junior Rusti Schnelle get ready to leave. Sadd Stop participated in Day of the dead.

As they gather around the table, the key club members listen to what their future agenda is going to be. Key club participated in many community projects.





Front Row: Miss May, Saralin Fuentes, Candace Crockett, Nicole Manna, Catherine DeLeon.

Second Row: Elisea Gonzalez, Emily Henke.

Back Row: Rusti Schnelle, Ivan Colon, Scott Wolozanski.

Miss May: Saralin Fuentes
How Many? 10
Miss Jennifer May

vice president Candace Crockett
secretary Emily Henke
treasurer Amanda McKenzie

What are you all about? Did Christmas in April, Aliveness Project, collected food and money for food pantry, supported Peanut Day, UNICEF, helped Boy's and Girl's Club in Merrillville



Say



junior Christine Paunicka

“I think the community has done a lot for the students, and it is time that we repay our community.”



junior Dennis Cimbaljevich

What?

In the cafeteria sophomore Ivan Colon listens to the meeting. Key Club helped out the Boys and Girls club in Merrillville. They traveled all over in order to do their community services.



Before they begin the meeting senior Candace Crockett and junior Emily Henke organize their papers. Crockett and Henke were the vice president and secretary this year.

The group listens to their speaker during a Hosa meeting. The group would meet to discuss all of the activities that they were involved in.



Say



junior Kim McGinnis

“I like the community activities like adopting the group home.”



junior Kimberly Sisk

Hosa is a good after school activity because it lets you help out with the community while helping you achieve your future goals.

”What?



Front Row: Robyn Karner, Kimberly McGinnis

Front Row: Kimberly Sisk, Nicole Bacso, Robyn Karner, Jennifer Byroad



Hosa

Audra Peterson and Lynn Wilson

How Many? 60

president Robyn Karner

vice president Jennifer Dixon

secretary Kimberly McGinnis

treasurer Patricia Butless/Chrystal Greenwell

What are you all about? Sold toothbrushes at lunch, doughnut sales, adopted a group home of special needs adult men and held Christmas parties and Easter egg hunts for them, also had a fall retreat to Tragafalger, and a spring retreat to French Lick, Indiana.

Conversing with a fellow HOSA member during one of the meetings is junior Stephanie Price. The group would meet to discuss activities.



BPA

What is the business of the year? Mrs. Lori Pavell

How Many? 22

Age Range:

president Denise Carpenter
vice president Peggy Shelton
secretary Kim Holland
treasurer Mark Gillie

What are you all about? Compete with other students, National Contest (state), in which 2 Portage students competed.

*Front Row: Amanda McKenzie,
Peggy Shelton
Back Row: Mrs. Lori Pavell,
Kimberly Holland, Mark Gillie,
Jaclyn Ruebensam*

*In the following
sophomore David Cash
smokes at desk before
school. Cash was
one of the members
of BPA this year.*



Say

“It has given
me a bright
outlook for the
future. It is also
very fun.”

senior Kimberly Holland

“It's a good
learning experience
in the business area,
and it helps you
to prepare for a
future job in the
business field.”



junior Jackie Ruebensam

What?



*The HOSA group
listens as senior
Robyn Karner holds
one of the many
meetings. The group
met many times
during the year.*

At the retreat junior Sean Reibly gives his trust to the circle by falling into their arms. This trip helps you to become a better listener.

Patiently talking with others, junior Stephanie Price takes a break. At the Natural Helpers retreat some would sit and talk with each other.



While drawing on the wall, junior Mathew Mahns tries to think of a phrase that sums up the retreat. This is one of the many activities that help them become better listeners and leaders.



Photograph by Stephanie Loftus



At the LRE Peer Tutors' banquet, freshman Daniel Murphy sits next to senior Elisabeth Balash. Balash and Murphy benefited from the services of the peer tutors.



Photograph by Stephanie Loftus

At the LRE Peer Tutors' banquet, senior James Thomas grabs for a piece of pizza. Before school, students decided to volunteer themselves to peer tutor.



Photograph by Stephanie Loftus

Amongst his friends is freshman Randall Cavinder. This year Cavinder had a different peer tutor each block that helped him with all of his studies.

Vocational Education

As he makes a few phone calls, Mr. Goldschmidt fulfills his responsibilities as the instructor of Diesel Mechanics. Being a vocational instructor is a big responsibility, since the students are relying on the teacher to help prepare them for a future career.



Say

“ I am extremely honored to be a part of the Porter County Vocational program as well as its honor society. ”

junior Chris Burton

“ I like the teacher, Mr. Goldschmidt. He's the best teacher in the world. I love the guy, he goes above and beyond his job, and he taught me so much about being a good mechanic. ”

senior Chad Bradford

What?

In class, Mark Fischer works with another teacher in completing work for printing class. Vocational Printing printed and distributed the student handbook, programs for plays, school and community events.





In their Diesel Mechanics class, juniors Kevin Gross and Brandon Cotton fix some truck parts. Many members of the vocational classes were also part of the Vocational Honor Society.



While working on a truck, senior Chad Bradford learns a valuable trade. Chad not only worked on the trucks at school, but also used his experience working part time for a local truck mechanic.

Say

“ [For V.H.S.] We get to dress up one night and get recognized.”



junior Robyn Karner



junior Joseph Hulse

“ We were selected by our instructor. You need a positive attitude, participation in HOSA, and a good G.P.A.

” What?

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Vocational Honor Society

Thomas Balata
James Bosset
Chris Burton
Jennifer Byroad
Denise Carpenter
Misty Coleman
Brandon Cotton
Linette DeJesus
Jennifer Dixon
Ryen Dohner
Renee Dutcher
Albert Forgas
Meredith Fozkos

Adam Gaines
Kevin Gross
Jeremy Hastings
Joseph Hulse
Emily Hunt
Robyn Karner
Katie Kawanecki
Kristopher Komenda
Joseph Kornafel
Kenneth Markos
Sarah May
Amanda McKenzie
Gina Munoz

Mary Nolan
Ricardo Nunez
Amanda Pilipovich
Stephanie Price
Jennifer Schmitz
Chad Shewmaker
Kimberly Sisk
Justin Tarpley
Robert Wells
Martiniique Wilkins
Timothy Wilson

Before she receives her certificate junior Shannon Sandlin shakes hands with Mr. Masty. Shannon was inducted into FLHS for the years of French she took.

With a smile sophomore Jennifer Mesich receives her award. Jennifer maintained an "A" average throughout three years of German.



Photograph by Leslie Egan

Foreign Language Honor Society

Mrs. Huerta

How Many? 63

Foreign Language Honor Society is an honor society students are inducted into after taking a language class for three years and maintaining an A average throughout the three years.



New members stand to be inducted. Each member had to complete a certain number of hours of community service to remain in NHS.

From Mr. Schott and Mrs. Squire, senior Ricardo Edvardsson receives a medal and a certificate. Inductees received a medal from their foreign language teacher.



To be inducted into National Honor Society junior Rainier Alcantara signs the book. After signing the book, members received a pin.

Say



sophomore Erin Ables

“I am honored to be inducted into the FLHS.”



sophomore Monica Bedroya

“It shows that you accomplished something in your foreign language.”



Photograph by Leah Gandy

Inductees repeat the NFHS motto in their selected language. The NFHS motto is "One who knows two languages is worth two people."



National Honor Society

Miss Duncan
How Many? 16

president Cassandra Mateo

vice president Sean Hannon

secretary Bradley Green

treasurer Jeffrey Zeha

What are you all about? The National Honor Society sponors dances, participated in Christmas in April, held food drives, sold humanities, held meetings, did community service; each member had to perform a certain number of community service to stay in NHS. "It was fun and rewarding experience. It felt good to help other people," senior James Crowley said.

Front Row: Shannon Sandlin, Tiffany Hagen, Angela Murray, Tizo Komafel, Amber Jacobson, Danielle Ciesielski, Gretchen Circle, Lisa Lombardi, Rainier Alcantara, Alexander Lo, Jennifer Andrews, Elizabeth Batista, Joseph Bloomfield III, Erica Lo, Julie Lochmondy, Tammy Chadwick, Eileen Craighead, Bert Cook, Douglas Lewandowski, Jennifer Rhodus, Christine Paunicka *Second Row:* Melisa Fritz, Danijela Gazibara, Diana Zeni, Michele Williams, Brandon Hughes, Steven Samuel, Carrie Javorka, Dennis Cimbaljevich, Milica Kosica, Michael Kramer, Charles Kuntz *Third Row:* Trisha Eastwood, Candice Williams, Deanna Zych, Piper Van Santen, Krista King, Heather Kilgore, Cheryl Guzikowska, Jaclyn Frechette, Ryan Fisher, Ashley Reynolds, Julie Racich, Amanda Bartok, Belinda Stepnowski, Sally Dettterline, Stefanie Ragon, George Burchuk *Fourth Row:* Cassandra Mateo, Jeanne Ibrahim, Cassandra Hendon, Heather Lucas, Suzanne Grunden, Brian Balta, Erin Austgen, Tara Potts, Renee Dutcher, Stephanie Niemcewicz, Denise Carpenter, Amy Nelson, Andrea Skafish, Tiffany Stewart *Fifth Row:* Margaret Simkin, Michael Wade, Matthew Welches, Jeffery Zeha, Julie Stevenson, Natalie Yudt, Rusti Schnelle, Kevin Stout, Erin Jedlikowski, Joseph Paunicka, Jon Harbaugh, Bradley Green, Sean Hannon, Ryan Mason, James Crowley, Candance Crockett, Melissa Smith, Kevin Wallskog

Say



junior Aaron Priest

“It's a fun organization composed of fine people.”



senior Andrea Skafish

“Thespians is such a special group because it's led by such a special man, Mr. Stevens. We promote theater and cultural awareness in this school.”

photographs by
Stephanie Loftland

What?

Front Row: Deanna Zych
Second Row: Brandon Refet, Brian Zingo, Allan Hughes, Aaron Priest, Brandon Alexander
Back Row: Andrea Skafish, Tiffany Stewart



Thespians

Mr. Stevens
How Many? 12

Mr. Stevens
How Many? 12

president Andrea Skafish
Brian Zingo
vice president Deanna Zych
secretary Tiffany Stewart
historian Aaron Priest

What are you all about? Their mission is to promote and strengthen the theater and arts programs. It seeks to increase the students' personal skills and knowledge of the theater. The thespians have sponsored and produced the fall play, spring musical, variety show, Outstanding Young Man Scholarship Program, as well as many others.



The Thespian members Aaron Priest and Brian Zingo discuss their roles before the show. The performers had to rehearse their lines many times before taking the stage.

Preparing for the spring musical, *The Chorus Line*, thespian Aaron Priest applies a few touch ups. The performers would wear makeup to become more in character.





During practice, Dennis Cimbaljevich rehearses a speech for the upcoming sectionals. Speech team members were required to attend practice at least twice a week before they were allowed to compete in meets.

Speech team members junior Dani Gazibara and senior Kevin Wallskog take a break during competition. Students are given a short time for breaks in order to relax and compose themselves for their next performance.



Speech

Megan Donnelly and Carrie Martin

How Many? 55

Meeting 101

president Terms 1 and 2 Stephanie Sulcer
Terms 3 and 4 Autumn Alderson
vice president Dani Gazibara
secretary Terms 1 and 2 Autumn Alderson
Terms 3 and 4 Andy Reed
historian Vince Hernandez

What are you all about? Sponsored a dance, doughnut sale, fundraiser, Halloween and Christmas parties, banquet, Three Little Indians TV show, hosted a tournament, attended 10 tournaments, 4 people qualified for state, this year is biggest membership.

Front Row: Clement Lanza,

Kera Brust, TJ Thomas,

Andrew Reid, Eric Rivera,

Megan Van Auken, Lisa

Lombardi, Stephanie Loftland

Second Row: Assistant Coach

Miss Carrie Martin, Vince

Hernandez, Laurie Luna,

Daniel Shattuck, Danielle

Gazibara, Autumn Alderson,

Dennis Cimbaljevich, Rhonda

McQuerry, Tiffany Sherwood,

George Burchuk, Kevin

Wallskog, Head Coach Miss

Megan Donnelly

Third Row: Vance Carlin,

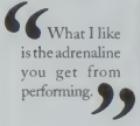
Donald Wilson, Shree Walker,

Siasia Rodriguez, Lydia Duerr

Say



freshman Jason Maldonado



junior Dennis Cimbaljevich

“The thing I like most about speech is that you get to meet funny people.”

“What I like is the adrenaline you get from performing.”

photographs by
Stephanie Loftland

What?

After the curtain rises, seniors Robyn Dettterline, Mandy Stanton and junior Aaron Priest deliver their performances. During this scene they discussed the events of the day before.



Photograph by M. Moody



Photograph by M. Moody

The director, Mr. Moody, helps Aaron Priest paint his hair white for his part in this year's production. Priest played Mr. Diagle in the fall play.

After the play, seniors Jason Fields, Kevin Wallskog, James Crowley and juniors Aaron Priest, Sean Reilly and Matthew Mahns celebrate a strong performance.



Photograph by M. Moody



Before the show, senior Kevin Wallskog prepares to go on stage. This was Wallskog's first time performing on stage.



Back stage, freshman Katie Lerch puts on her makeup. Katie played the lead, Rhoda Penmark in this year's play, "Bad Seed".

Photograph by Melissa Fritz

On stage senior Mandy Stanton and freshman Katie Lerch perform a scene from this year's play. Stanton played Mrs. Penmark.



Photograph by Mr. Moody

Evil child takes center stage as girl mesmerizes the audience. Cast gives an all out performance.

This year's fall production, "Bad Seed," was definitely a success. All of the cast members' hard work and dedication were evident the moment the lights dimmed and the curtain opened to reveal the scene laid out behind it.

"Bad Seed" is the story of Rhoda Penmark, portrayed by freshman Katie Lerch, a seemingly perfect little darling. Toward all she is congenial and pleasant, but only to conceal her secret wickedness. Deep down, Rhoda is an evil and corrupt child who will resort to anything in order to get what she wants, even if it requires taking the life of another human being. After the past of Rhoda's grandmother is discovered, the question arises, "Are genetics

responsible for Rhoda's inability to love and lack of conscience?" Well, in the end, several lives are lost and many are destroyed.

Students became involved in the play for different reasons. "I thought it would bring some attention to me and my smoothness," said senior Kevin Wallskog. Other students wanted to be involved because of their love for acting. "I wanted to be in the play because I like entertaining people and I have previously been on stage at Portage High School," said senior Jason Fields.

Even though many of the cast members had optimistic and happy attitudes towards their performances, there were still a few

worries and doubts. Some were afraid of making mistakes. "Interpretation was difficult," Wallskog said.

When performance time came, the cast members overcame their fears. Some of the cast members had very positive feelings about their performances. "I think I did smooth. I think I made acting what it is today," Wallskog said.

Even though the play is over, the cast members still have their memories to cherish. Most memorable moments range from making new friends to giving the spectacular performances. "The cast party afterward is the most memorable," Fields said. "It felt like we were really close."

Written Elizabeth Enrico

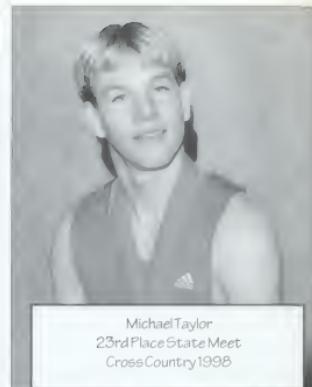
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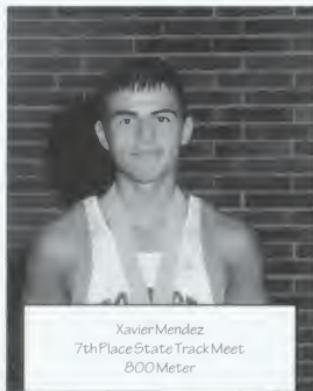
Tim Steckel and Ryan Mason
All-State Doubles Team
Fall 1998



Kristy Siminski
5th Place State Swim Meet
100 Meter Butterfly



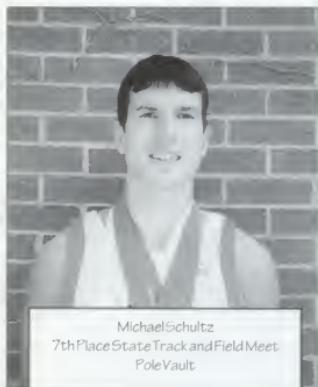
Michael Taylor
23rd Place State Meet
Cross Country 1998



Xavier Mendez
7th Place State Track Meet
800 Meter



Brenna Sweeney, Karl Kopko, Jamie Wolfe, Kristy Siminski, and Kara Gibson
3rd Place 1999 State Swim Meet
200 Meter Medley Relay

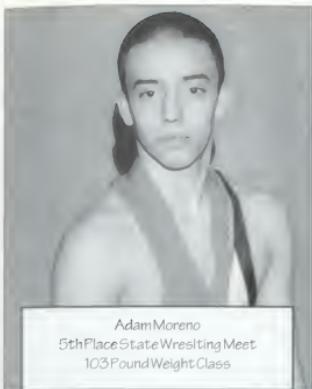


Michael Schultz
7th Place State Track and Field Meet
Pole Vault



Jeff Seha
7th Place State Track Meet
3200 Meter

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Adam Moreno
5th Place State Wrestling Meet
103 Pound Weight Class



Kari Kopko
4th Place State Swim Meet
100 Meter Breaststroke



Dale Fancher
All-State Offensive Line
1998



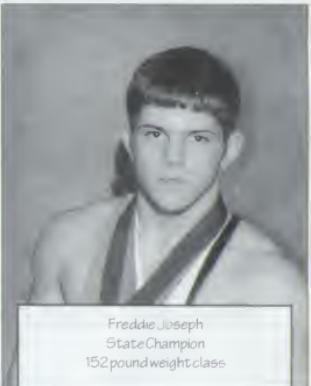
Enrique Fontanez III, Steven Samuels, Michael Taylor, Joseph Bailey,
Xavier Mendez, and Michael Halaschak
2nd Place 800 Meter Relay at the State Track Meet



Wendy Cannon
Miss Softball
1999



Michael Taylor
2nd Place State Track Meet
800 Meter



Freddie Joseph
State Champion
152 pound weight class

S
tate
letes

Students dance with every step they take in the spring musical, "A Chorus Line"

Val is a girl who has had some work done. Connie still plays little girls even though she is no longer considered one. Kristine cannot keep on pitch. Judy is a little spacy.

This year's spring musical is centered around an audition where each character (some of them are mentioned above) during try-outs tells a little about his or her life and personality. The characters also tell about their careers and give the audience a chance to experience what it's like to try out for a Broadway musical.

Throughout the course of the musical, each character reveals

parts of their personalities that they had not originally intended to show. The director, played by Mr. Bodner, wants to get to know each of the hopefuls as people, not just as perspective dancers. That is what ends up making the majority of the storyline, the life tales of each person auditioning.

Learning the dance numbers was a difficult part of the musical. "We started work in January to pull off an April show and the main cast was there everyday after school to learn choreography," sophomore Sara Crowley said.

Another difficult obstacle was trying to get the music

coordinated. "I think the hardest part was getting the people on stage and the people in the pit on the same beat and in the right spot," said sophomore Erin Wendt.

The musical required everyone involved to put in many hours after school.. The cast had practices every day after school until five o'clock from January until April. "It's a pretty tiring experience," senior Brian Zingo said.

The musical also gave students the chance to show off their talent. "Being in the pit choir gave me a chance to use my talents in a theatrical show," said sophomore Kathryn Trathen.

Written Stephanie Lofland and Jennifer Mesich Designed Stephanie Lofland

The cast of the musical performs a dance routine in a dress rehearsal. This year's musical was "A Chorus Line."

Under the lights senior Jessica Wireman dances and sings. Jessica also performed in last year's musical.



Photograph Stephanie Lofland



Photograph Stephanie Lofland



Photograph Stephanie Lofland

On stage
juniors
Cassandra
Pendleton and
Aaron Priest sing
a duet. Both
participated in
last year's
musical as well.

Photograph Stephanie Lofland



Photograph Stephanie Lofland

While the
rest of the cast
is offstage
sophomore
Rodney Revels
Jr. delivers
his monologue.

Photograph Stephanie Lofland



Backstage
senior Jessica
Lach helps
freshman Jessica
Kirk with her
makeup.
Auditions for the
musical were held
in January.

Photograph Stephanie Lofland

After her
monologue senior
Andrea Skafish
dances. Andrea
played Cassie in
the musical.

Photograph Stephanie Lofland

The Capitol Building was one of the stops the Publications Staff made in a few spare moments. Staff members received a tour of the house floor

While waiting for the subway to arrive, Senior Don McGee rests on the shoulders of Juniors Elizabeth Batista and Christina Barajas in the underground station.

Forever walking through the rice fields, the statue platoon commemorates the American lives taken in the Korean War.



As she exits the White House, junior Elizabeth Batista waves to her mother. Elizabeth's mother went along as a trip chaperone





One of the new memorials that has been added celebrates the contributions of the African American soldier in the course of the many wars.



Parental chaperones Carmen Batista and Alicia Jackson pose in front of the entrance to the Arlington National Cemetery.

The crack of dawn was still a few hours away as juniors Christina Barajas and Elizabeth Batista wake up to get ready for the NSPA conference.

Student Life

Between classes and extra-curricular activities students are always on the move. Here's what they have been doing:

While in career explorations, students listen to a guest speaker. This year career explorations became a required class for freshman

Blackstage junior Neil Sly tests the sound system for the stage. Sly worked in the sound booth for the fall play and the spring musical.



In art class sophomore Jeffrey Veach and senior David Soltyc draw. Students taking art classes were required to complete every project.





To prepare for homecoming, seniors Rachel Fink, and Cheryl Guzikowski make posters. Homecoming is a time for students to show their school spirit.



While her classmates play volleyball, sophomore Sance Ibrahim does crunches. Physical fitness is an important part of Portage High School education.



Before school freshmen Saleana Santiago, Kristen Alvarado, and Samantha Carr finish their homework. Time before school was used many times as a last resort to complete work.



To display one mode of land transportation sophomore Stephen Fejes creates a poster. This was one project the students in transportation systems were required to do.

Dance Fever

After working hard in classes, students are given the opportunity to socialize, relax and dance.

Hand in hand, junior David Niloff and sophomore Heather Elkins laugh as they slow dance. Students gathered in the gym for this dance after homecoming.



The DJ changes the music and takes requests of students. Entertainment Express provided the music for the dances.



At a dance seniors Michelle Lucas and Jessica Wireman show off their dance moves.

Many students danced in a circle and took turns displaying their moves.





After a football game, juniors Alexander Lo and Rainier Alcantara break dance. Break dancing still draws a crowd.

Students raise the roof at a Portage high school dance. Dances were held after sporting events and on special occasions.



Students talk in groups as they dance. High school dances gave students a chance to socialize.



In her free time senior Melissa Fritz looks through the phone book for places to sell ads. Each person in Legend had to sell at least 200 dollars in ads.



Front Row: Kimberly McGee, Jennifer Kaiser. *Second Row:* Ruth Hall, Christina Barajas, Elizabeth Batista, Angela Magana, Jamie Wolfe, Alyson Merkner, Stacie Culp. *Third Row:* Regina Gudinas, Marcus Rainwater, Stephanie Lofland, Jennifer Mesich, Connie Behling, Elizabeth Enrico, Melissa Fritz. *Back Row:* Latitia Gray, Heather Buhring, Katherine Garris, Jennifer Vargas, Mr. Mark J. Karmel.



Legend

Mr. Mark J. Karmel
How Many? 23

Editor Elizabeth Batista and
Christina Barajas
Photo Editor Katherine Garris

What are you all about? The 1998-1999 legend (yearbook) staff created the yearbook for 1999. "People think yearbook is a really strict class, but it really is a class with any barriers. Everyone in it has so much fun because we all just goof around, except on deadline days," said sophomore Tiffany Ramirez.



Where that paper is, Stacie Culp will never know. The boxes are there for organization, but throughout the year the room would lose its perfection.

While others finish their spreads, junior Elizabeth Batista and sophomore Stephanie Lofland rummage through old photographs.



Photograph by Jennifer Vargas

Sur photo editor Katherine Garris helps out the designers and looks for pictures to use in the upcoming yearbook. The photographers are not only responsible for taking the pictures, but they also have to develop and organize them.



Photograph by Jennifer Vargas

With a laid back atmosphere advertisement editors junior Alyson Merkner and sophomore Ruth Hall work hard on the ad's section.

Level they take a break sophomores Connie Behling, Jennifer Mesich, Stephanie Lofland, and Elizabeth Enrico talk about their plans for the weekend. Sometimes the Legend staff would have to come in during the weekends if their deadline was not finished.



Photograph by Jennifer Vargas

Say

“Yearbook is a good learning experience. It teaches teamwork and responsibility. People don't understand how much hard work and time we put into it.**”**

junior Jennifer Kaiser



junior Kimberly McGee

“People just don't see how much hard work goes into the yearbook. It really is a learning experience though, I guess you get out of it what you put into it.**”**

photographs by
Jennifer Vargas

What?



Photograph by Katherine Garris

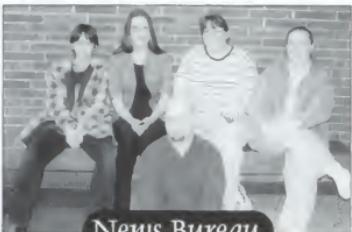


Photograph by Jennifer Vargas

Spreads take a lot of persistence and no one knows this more than Kimberly McGee. She is being helped by junior Alyson Merkner.

LIn Albuquerque juniors Elizabeth Batista and Jennifer Kaiser walk to Taco Bell. A few members of Legend were chosen to go on this trip to learn new techniques to better the yearbook.

Front Row: Mr. Mark J. Karmel
Back Row: Conor Smith, Tracy McNeiley, Rusti Schnelle, Sarah Watson.



News Bureau

Editor-in-chief Mr. Mark J. Karmel
How Many? 4

editor Tracy McNeiley
page designer Conor Smith
reporters Sarah Watson
Rusti Schnelle

What are you all about? News Bureau produces the high schools web page and work on the principals' newsletter and create press releases for the media.

Editor-in-chief, Christopher Mihal advises others how their stories and layouts should look for the newspaper. Mihal has spent many hours after school working on the Pow Wow and even comes in on the weekends.

Assistant editor, Megan McLeod works diligently on her assignments, as well as helping others edit their spreads.





Pow Wow did more than just work. In Depth Editor Nicole Robinson dances around the room while drumming on a coffee can to Frank Sinatra. Pow Wow members could turn any late night work session into an entertaining and fun experience for all.

photograph by Jennifer Kaiser



Plicking back in Washington DC, reporter Donald Magee takes a break to enjoy the weekend. Pow Wow, along with other publications, took several trips a year to learn more about newspaper design in workshops.

photograph by Jennifer Kaiser



Pow Wow

Editor in Chief

How Many? 16

Managing Editor

Editor terms 1 and 2 Mellisa Hansel terms 3 and

4 Christopher Mihal

Assistant editor Megan McLeod

Photograph editor Amber Holeman

What are you all about? produced the school newspaper, Pow Wow, every other week.

"Since coming to Pow Wow, I've become a more responsible person with school work and the rest of the outside world," said editor Chris Mihal.

"Pow Wow allows us to have a creative outlet where we can express ourselves," said Hunter McKee

Mr. Mark J. Karmel

Front Row: Nancy Green, Amber Holeman, Stephanie Shephard, Fawnda Burlingame.

Second Row: Donald Magee, Jennifer Jern, Nicole Robinson, Sarah Watson.

Third Row: Vincent Hernandez, Tiffany Castagna, Hunter McKee, Christina Price.

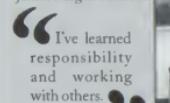
Fourth Row: Angela Lazar, Christopher Mihal, Megan McLeod, Dawn Zimmerman.

Last Row: Christopher Stidham, Mr. Mark J. Karmel, David Gilbert, Anthony Holeman.

Say



junior Megan McLeod



sophomore Nicole Robinson

“ Pow Wow takes a lot of hardwork and dedication. We're a team and without teamwork, the paper would never be what it is. ”

“ I've learned responsibility and working with others. ”

photographs by
Amber Holeman &
Jennifer Kaiser

What?



Front Row: Justeen Schultz, Amanda Potts, Nathan Peek, Vincent Hernandez.

Middle Row: Johnny Azcona, Meredith Fozkos, Krista King, Diana Haniacek, Amber Holeman, Donald Magee, Stephanie Sulter, Conor Smith, Fawnda Burlingame.

Back Row: Mrs. Mary Lute-Brown, Kevin Nush, Chad York, Letitia Gray, Danielle Little, Melissa Evanatz, Megan Piddington, Lisa Lombardi, Cassandra Hendon.



Saga

Written by the students of the school

Mrs. Lute-Brown

How Many? 24

editors Letitia Gray
Donald Magee
Katherine Garris
Amber Holeman

What are you all about? Choose to be on one of five committees: typing, art, publicity, layout, or proofreading. To advertise, sell, and publish a 100-page book of poems, art, and stories written by the students.

"Saga was an interesting thing. We had more control over the format of the magazine this year, and dramatically changed its appearance," senior Conor Smith

Say

“Saga is a great organization. The students put the whole magazine together by themselves, so it's a great opportunity to learn teamwork and academic independence.”



junior Diana Haniacek



junior Katherine Garris

“Being in Quill and Scroll gave me a chance to help out in the school and in the community; something everyone else should try to do.”

photographs by
Amber Holeman

What?



At a Saga fundraiser seniors Johnny Azcona and Krista King collect the ticket stubs from a raffle. YMCA passes were given out as the raffle prize, and funds were used to produce the annual Saga.

Photograph by Amber Holeman

Senior Brandy Ebling looks at old Saga's to make sure that the same mistakes are not made again this year. Ideas and work were submitted by students and published in the Saga magazine yearly.



Photograph by Amber Holeman



While at a Quill and Scroll meeting senior Tracy McNeily and junior Jamie Wolfe, tentatively watch the president conduct the meeting. Meetings were held bi-weekly to discuss ways to help the community and to plan the annual banquet.



Photograph by Katherine Garris

Exhausted Quill and Scroll members wrap up the car wash that was held at Alesworth. The water is turned off, the buckets put away, and wet people return home.



Front Row: Jamie Wolfe, Elizabeth Batista, Amanda Walworth, Katherine Garris. Second Row: Amber Holman, Tracy McNeily, Megan McLeod, Jennifer Kaiser, Christina Barajas, Mr. Mark J. Karmel. Third Row: Christopher Mihal

Alumni from our club: Mr. Mark J. Karmel

How Many? 12

Officers:

president Megan McLeod
vice president Elizabeth Batista
treasurer Christopher Mihal
events coordinator Tracy McNeily

What are you all about? Quill and Scroll is a group of journalism students that gather together to help the community. They've held a bake sale, car wash, reading to children at the library, Christmas in April to rebuild houses, and sold raffle tickets to help Karen Mills.



Photograph by Katherine Garris

At the Quill and Scroll car wash fundraiser, Senior Christopher Mihal douses sponsor Mr. Mark J. Karmel with a bucket of cold soapy water.

During nursing home bingo, senior Amanda Bartok and junior Aaron Priest read off numbers. Nursing home bingo has been a yearly tradition for the student council.



Photograph by: Stephanie Toland

Front Row: Ms. Luetzo, Amanda Bartok, Rachel Fink, Erin Austgen, Ryan Mason, Mr. Hancock **S**econd Row: Erica Lo, Danielle Marquez, Jeannette Sanchez, Breanna Beike, Angela Magaña, JKennifer Belleville, Sadia Javed, Cheryl Lightfoot, Crystal Nunez **T**hird Row: Krystal Morgan, Amy Barwig, Emily Henke, Tammy Chadwick, Cheryl Guzikowski, Jennifer Rhodus, Lisa McNeiley, Karen Belsha, Douglas Tomes, Tiffany Ramirez, Monica Tatela **F**ourth Row: Natalie Hardison, Harold Morgan Jr., Matthew Scheuer, Elizabeth Collins, Michael Jurgensen, Jeffrey Jones, Michael Zulakowski II, Daniel Tomes, Ashley Reynolds, Stephanie Niemcewicz, Annette Bartok, Alexander Lo, **F**ifth Row: Marc Samardzija, Bradley Green, Brad Hullsiek, Kevin Wallskog, Joseph Bloomfield III, Aaron Priest, James Alexander, Lauren Niemcewicz, Charles Kuntz, Jon Harbaugh, Richard Mayerik, Jessica Wireman, Laura Burch, Melissa Deavers



Student Council

How many? 60
How many? 100

president Ryan Mason
vice president Rachel Fink
secretary Amanda Bartok
treasurer Erin Austgen

What are you all about? Community service activities, Salvation Army work, Secret pal, Christmas dance, food drive, winter coat drive, fall homecoming, Christmas in April, Riely fundraiser, elections, senior buddies, National leadership conference, mini leadership, display cases, nursing home bingo, leadership camps, Honor Council for 13th year



Photograph by: Stephanie Toland

At a student court meeting senior Cassandra Mateo dresses a doll. One of the many things that student court is responsible for is the checking of motions.



Photograph by: Stephanie Toland

After the meeting, senior Ryan Mason and sophomore Ashley Szymbala take a minute to talk about future plans for student council. Mason was the president of student council.



After a meeting seniors Amanda Bartok and Cheryl Guzikowski and freshman Michael Supp converse about the elections.

Before the meeting begins the officers prepare. Student council meetings were every Friday after school.



Bethany Beke, Breanna Beiwe, Cheryl Guzikowski, Michael Supp

The actors from Halloween Safety pose after performing. The group went to the elementary schools to demonstrate how to be safe while out Trick or Treating.



Bethany Beke, Breanna Beiwe, Cheryl Guzikowski, Michael Supp

Say



“ It lets you meet new people and get involved in the school. ”

sophomore Breanna Beiwe

“ It keeps you on task. ”



freshman Elizabeth Collins

photographs by Marcus Rainwater

What?



Student Court

Welcome to the Student Council! Mr. Douglas

How Many? 9

Chief Justice

chief justice Andrea Skafish
senior parliamentarian Bradley Green
junior parliamentarian Neil Sly
associate justice Cassandra Mateo
associate justice Jon Harbaugh
associate justice Genise Britton
associate justice Vance Carlin

What are you all about? The student court interprets the constitution of the student council. All motions of the student council are checked by the student court. The court acts as a legislative guide for the student council also.

Front Row: Andrea Skafish,
Cassandra Mateo Second Row:
Mr. Douglas, Genise Britton

As they gather in a circle Mrs. Sue Squire listens as the german club shares some experiences they have encountered during the years. Squire was the sponsor for the german club.

In the media center sophomore Danielle Marquez and freshman Stephanie Dudley look over a paper for multicultural club.

They also sold suckers as a fundraiser to gain money this year.



Photograph by: Katherine Garvin

Photograph by: Katherine Garvin

Front Row: Stephanie Dudley, Tiffany Ramirez, Crystal Nunez, Monica Tatela

Back Row: Jennifer Vargas, Sadia Javed, Lauren Dimitri, Mrs. Michelle Vuko, Sarah Egenderfer, Angela Magana, Victoria Perez



Multicultural Club

Mrs. Vuko

How Many? 12

Had many fund raisers, produced videos for Black History Month, recognized Women's History month, met together many times during the year, went to Indianapolis for a field trip. "Multicultural club is a great experience. I suggest that every high school student join this club to broaden their horizons on different cultures. You learn to respect and understand people more." sophomore Monica Tatela.



Photograph by: Katherine Garvin

A student explains what life is like in her hometown.

Students enjoyed spending time with the german



At a Multicultural meeting, sophomore Tiffany Ramirez and Jennifer Vargas write possible women to discuss in the Women's History Month Video.

The german club gathers around and holds their meeting outside to discuss their agenda. This year the german club built the winning homecoming float.



Photographs by Jennifer Vargas

Photograph by Jennifer Vargas

Say



senior Michelle Vaught

“I like this particular club because it's fun interacting with people of a different culture.
”



sophomore Monica Tatela

“Multicultural club is a great experience. I suggest that every high school student join. You learn to respect and understand people more.
”

What?

photographs by
Jennifer Vargas



German Club

Officers and founders of the club: Sue Squire
How Many? 12

president Nicole Bellamy
vice president Charesa Jonkmann
secretary Kimberly McWaters
treasurer Joshua Wright
historian Jolene Wiatrowski
planner Rusti Schnelle

What are you all about? Built winning homecoming float, October picnic, Christmas party, German exchange student party

Front Row: Mr. David Masty.
Second Row: Lindsay Easton, Tiffany Stewart, Andrea Skafish, Tara Potts, Melissa Fritz, Jaclyn Frechette, Jessica Sandor, Michael Liesch.

Third Row: Valerie Nestorovich, Michelle Vaught, Joseph Rodarte, Sean Hannon.
Back Row: Brian Balta, Christine Faunicka, Ryan Fisher, Ryan Mason, Bradley Green.



Chinese Club

Mr. David Masty
How Many? 25

presidents Ryan Mason
Bradley Green
Erin Austgen
Cassandra Mateo
Julie Racich
Alexander Lo
Michael Liesch

What are you all about? Chinese games, videos, Mahjongg tournament, fund-raisers with French club

Say



Madam Sue McPherson

“ [I enjoy teaching French class and club because] it's small, and everyone gets to talk more. ”



sophomore Michelle Mihalik

“ [I enjoy French because I like] learning about different people and their ways of life. ”

photographs by
Letitia Gray

What?



photographs by Letitia Gray

French workbooks were sold at the bookstore and used in place of worksheets.

Workbooks were used in combination with textbooks in foreign language classes as well as life skills classes.

Chinese Chess is just one of the many games that the Chinese Club members participate in. Club members Brad Green, Brian Balta, Ryan Mason, Sean Hannon and Michael Liesch play in a tournament at a club meeting.



Say



sophomore Karla Villacin

“ [In Spanish Club] You get to do stuff as a group like go to Great America and Christmas in April. ”



senior April Campbell

What?



A senior April Campbell conducts a meeting after school for the Spanish Club she stands behind the podium. Spanish Club was held to enhance the members knowledge.



French Club

Mrs. Sue McPherson

How Many? everyone taking French

Officers:

Kari Tharp

Christopher Opolski

Cameron Kelly-Johnson

Renee Dutcher

Daniel Fulkerson

What are you all about? fund-raisers, 2 Mille Bornes tournaments (French card game), Christmas decorating party, sponsors award pins for French students



Spanish Club

Mrs. Brightette Snemis

How Many? 14

Officers:

president April Campbell

vice president Karla Villacin

secretary Kelly Armour

Rhonda McQueary

What are you all about? fund-raisers, Christmas in April, collect Easter bunnies.

Junior Amber Durfee gets advice from Madame Sue McPherson on her French work. This was Durfee's 3rd year of French. Students can take as many as five years of French class.

Photographs by Leslie Gaze

All Efforts Considered

Effort is what makes a team a team. Along with support is another major factor that makes a team. Senior Angela Murray receives a hug after Junior Matthew Westerkamp takes a moment to tie his shoe. A fellow teammate junior Rainier Alcantara perfects his soccer techniques in practice. junior Brian Camp and sophomore Kevin Jones.

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With athletes running back and forth competing to make a point, it is likely for injuries to happen.

Everyday after school, athletic trainers report to

Healers and

the athletic trainer's room to help heal the injured players who

needed help. When players were down, athletic trainers were always helpful. Player's injuries were sometimes a set back. Athletic trainers helped heal anything from the twisted ankle to a strained leg.

During football season, more injuries occurred. "I like football season best.

There was always a lot to do," senior Dawn Butterfield said. Athletic trainers also prepare for their future. "It's something I'd like to pursue after high school," junior Eileen Craighead said.

Athletic trainers help athletes bring their game back to the field.

athletic



Feminist Room - Megan Hagerty, Heather Jacques, Dawn Butterfield **Sorority Room** - Sally Walton, Robert Wells, Michelle Vottero

athletic
trainers
pulling the rescue



trainers



As he takes a break, senior Dale Fancher grabs one of the water bottles provided by the Athletic trainers. Athletic trainers would help to treat sports injuries that happened during any of the games.



As they carry some jugs of water to a game, seniors Robert Wells and Heather Jacques work together to get the job done. Athletic trainers provided refreshments and other needs for the games.

To keep everything organized and running smoothly, senior Sally Walton gives a few orders. It took a lot of cooperation between all of the Athletic trainers to keep everything going smoothly.



To get in shape, Heather Jacques does some kickboxing moves. Training is one of the most important steps for athletes, and trainerstook partin keeping in shape too.

Sometimes communication is the key when it comes to Athletic trainers and coaches. Here Mr. Dan Merrill and senior Sally Walton take a minute to discuss a few issues.

soccer



Front Row - Angela Murray, Michelle Lute, Kimberly Ogden, Jennifer LeHockey, Jacqulyn Devries, Kristin Selund, Dawn Piazza. **Back Row -** Coach Jeanne Miotke, Lauren Sandor, Carolyn Slomkowski, Rachel Torres, Heather Lucas, Ryen Dobner, Melissa Smith, Manager Irene Trapper.



Front Row - JoAnn Matthew, Ashley Szybala, Julia Trachtenberg, Lyndsay Ponda, Frances Gibson, Courtney Goetz, Julie Knight, Stephanie Balunda, Heather Nelson, Jessica Potts. **Back Row -** Coach Jeanne Miotke, Jaimi Dudzik, Angela Banzen, Brooke Wozniak, Jessica Cliver, Cassandra Ogden, Christine Keaton, Janna Brown, Rachael Reed, Amanda Austin, Manager Irene Trapper.

Us vs. Them

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| 1 | Crown Point | 6 | 0 | Homeschool | 2 |
| 2 | Munster | 4 | 1 | S.B. Adams | 7 |
| 4 | Hobart | 1 | 2 | Cheserton | 1 |
| 4 | Highland | 2 | 2 | S.B. St. Joe | 6 |
| 1 | Lake Central | 8 | 3 | Valpo | 4 |
| 8 | Michigan City | 0 | 2 | Griffith | 2 |
| 5 | Lafayette | 2 | 4 | Merrillville | 2 |
| 0 | Andrean | 5 | 0 | Sectional | 2 |

**Varsity
Season Record**
6 - 9 - 1

WILSON

WILSON



Jogging around the track at Willowcreek Middle School were sophomores Lauren Sandor and Brooke Wozniak. Wozniak and Sandor are both on varsity this year.



Efforts



After some hard play, the junior varsity team walks off the field concluding the first half. The score at the end of the game was 1 to 0.



After playing a quarter in the varsity game, senior Ryen Dohnert takes a few minutes to cooldown.



At the junior varsity game freshman Julia Trachtenberg and senior Kimberly Ogden gaze at their team as they play Merrimville.

Moments

A memory that sticks out the most in my mind is after our victories the team as a whole sang songs on the bus.

Sophomore Ashley Seyhula

A memory that sticks out the most is the Chesterton game. We kicked butt. We played awesome and ruled the field.

Freshman Stephanie Batunda

We have an obvious leader of the team ,Curly Smith.

Sophomore Carolyn Slomkowski



For a warmup before the game, junior Bryan Warfield tries to receive the ball from junior Alex Torres. Both Torres and Warfield were on the varsity team this year.

Before the Chesterton soccer game, senior Marcus Gilbert blocks the ball from getting in the goal. Gilbert was a goalie for the boy's varsity soccer team last year.

The varsity team prepares for the game by huddling and placing their hands in the middle of the circle to show their team spirit. The team did this every game to become more unified.



Soccer

Front Row - Marcus Gilbert, Michael Benson, Ricardo Viera, John Yaksic, Jacob Wood, Matthew Whirter, Patrick McGlothlen, Daniel Rodriguez, Michael Liesb, Mathew Hutchins. **Back Row -** David Simonsohn, Matthew Andryuk, Julian Chang, Xavier Mendez, Daniel Tomes, Mark Korba, Matthew Westercamp, Rainier Alcantara, Bryan Warfeld.



Soccer

Front Row - Justin Wood, Ryan Campbell, Philip Guerr, Brooks Gordon, Michael Zulakowski, Douglas Tomes, Daniel Reisen, Henery Kopanski, James Kalman, Justin Follow. **Back Row -** Robert Bundy, Andrew Bennett, Brian Ball, John Fornari, Gary Reed, Jacob Parker, Scott Knutson, Michael Pickart, Steven Cimbaljevich, Jeff Metz.



At a junior varsity game sophomore Gary Reed kicks the ball to the opposing goal to help win the game. This season the junior varsity ended the season with a score of 10-0-3.

The soccer team shows dedication as they stand for the National Anthem at Trumble Field before the varsity game. Before every game they would show spirit.



With a look of surprise, sophomore Scott Knutson places his clothes in his bag after a junior varsity game. Knutson was also on football, basketball, and track.

Before a varsity game Junior, Xavier Mendez, attempts to juggle the ball. Mendez was also a varsity football kicker.



Moments

"My most memorable moment was when we played South Bend St. Joe, my sophomore year. I scored a goal to get us in the lead 2-1. We ended up tying 2-2 on a late goal."

- Junior Xavier Mendez -

"My most memorable moment this year was at the Lake Central game because we worked together as an entire team, which sometimes can be tough."

- Junior Rainier Alemanara -

"My most memorable moment was at a game last year when Tony Cimbaljevich had to go to the hospital for a head injury, my junior year. We kicked some butt after that."

- Senior Michael Benson -

P D S B J W

Us vs. Them

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|----|---------------|---|---|--------------|---|
| 10 | Crown Point | 2 | 2 | Munster | 2 |
| 2 | Lake Central | 2 | 1 | Griffith | 3 |
| 8 | Hobart | 2 | 3 | Chesterton | 0 |
| 8 | Hammond | 0 | 3 | Culver | 1 |
| 10 | Michigan City | 1 | 2 | Andrean | 1 |
| 2 | St. Joe | 1 | 0 | Valparaiso | 5 |
| 2 | La Porte | 1 | 5 | Merrillville | 2 |

Varsity

Season Record

10 - 2 - 2

Us vs. Them

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|---|---------------|---|---|--------------|---|
| 2 | Crown Point | 1 | | Munster | 0 |
| 4 | Lake Central | 1 | 5 | Griffith | 1 |
| 6 | Hobart | 1 | 4 | Chesterton | 1 |
| 8 | Hammond | 1 | 2 | Culver | 3 |
| 3 | Michigan City | 0 | 2 | Andrean | 1 |
| 1 | St. Joe | 2 | 1 | Valparaiso | 1 |
| 2 | La Porte | 0 | 2 | Merrillville | 1 |

Junior Varsity

Season Record

10 - 0 - 3

The varsity volleyball team gathers together to celebrate the victorious effort the team made. The varsity volleyball team finished with a 4-13-0 record.

Moments

• The most memorable moments was our practices at the beach. It was so funny. Gretchen Circle pulled on Ms. Dixon's bathing suit and it broke!!! Everyone ended up burnt. We couldn't tell until we got home because we were all conditioning in the freezing lake.

-Sophomore Lauren Benson

• During the season I was lucky if I got one day a week off. It was all worth it though.

-Senior Natalie Kirchner

• At senior night, some of the seniors left the future players things. They would leave little inside jokes for us. They left me pizza and hamburgers.

-Sophomore Lauren Benson

With a look of determination on her face, senior Gretchen Circle prepares for the serve in the Lake Central volleyball game.

P D C B A M



**BE A FAN
NOT A FANATIC**



In the middle of her serve, sophomore Lauren Hansen concentrates on the volleyball. Hansen was one of the few sophomores chosen to be on the varsity team this year.

The pressure builds as senior Jennifer Fekete sets for sophomore Lauren Hansen in the Portage vs. Lake Central match. Portage was defeated 0-2.



Volleyball

Front Row - Joanna Benson. **Second Row** - Rebecca Hall, Lauren Hansen, Jamie Lewis, Kelly Bushman, Jennifer Fekete. **Third Row** - Corrine Munoz, Tara Potts, Kristen King, Gretchen Circle. **Back Row** - Coach Chris Dixon, Jennifer Novotny, Lauren Benson, Natalie Kirincic.

| * | Us vs. Them | | | * | |
|---|--------------------|---|---|--------------|--------|
| 2 | Washington Twp. | 1 | 9 | Madison | 2 |
| 0 | Wheeler | 2 | 0 | Hickland | 2 |
| 0 | Marguerite | 2 | 1 | Crown Point | 2 |
| 1 | Lowell | 2 | 0 | Kankakee U. | 2 |
| 2 | West Side | 0 | 0 | Chesterton | 2 |
| 1 | Hobart | 2 | 0 | Plymouth | 2 |
| 2 | South Central | 0 | 1 | Tippecanoe V | 2 |
| 0 | Lakeview | 2 | 0 | Penn Tourny | 2 in 2 |
| 0 | Lake Central | 2 | 2 | Gavit | 1 |

Varsity Season Record **4-13-0**

While on defense, senior Kristen King awaits for the ball to be served. While waiting, King reads the other team's server.

While playing in a freshman game, Jaclyn Chagoya goes to block a spike from Lake Central. This was one of many plays that the freshman team did in order to defeat other teams.

* Us vs. Them *

| | | |
|---|---------------|---|
| 2 | Washington T. | 0 |
| 2 | Wheeler | 0 |
| 0 | Marquette | 2 |
| 1 | Lowell | 2 |
| 2 | West Side | 0 |
| 2 | South Central | 0 |
| 0 | Lafayette | 2 |
| 0 | Lake Central | 2 |
| 0 | Andrean | 2 |
| 2 | Highland | 1 |
| 0 | Crown Point | 2 |
| 1 | Kankakee V. | 2 |
| 1 | Chesterton | 2 |
| 2 | Gavit | 0 |

**Junior Varsity
Season Record
63-0**



In a junior varsity game, sophomores Jamie Sutton and Colleen Stanish both attempt to successfully block a spiked ball from the Junior Varsity Lake Central team.

Showcasing their spirit the team cheers on sophomore Jamie Sutton as she comes onto the floor. Sutton was on the junior varsity squad her freshman year also.

Volleyball



Front Row - Belinda Meyers, Jamie Sutton, Denisa Hobgood, Holly Paniagua, Cassandra Dixon, Colleen Stanish. **Back Row** - Lindsey Benninger, Melissa Misner, Caitlin Groves, Ashley Safstrom.

Volleyball



Front Row - Margaret Hostetter, Melissa Rubein, Sarah Wilkum, Kara Gibson, Erin Rooney, Tanja Gazibara, Mary Stinson. **Back Row** - Nicole Rains, Nicole Flannery, Tanya Royal, Esther Tugrian, Jaclyn Chagoya, Michelle Green, Meagan Rappatta, Jeanette Piebl. Coach Joe Rich, Lia Palmer, Heather Nelson.





The junior varsity team congratulates each other after making a successful play. The junior varsity did this to boost their confidence in each of their matches.



Moments

"My best memory in volleyball would have to be the bus ride home. We had this whole rollercoaster simulation going on."

Sophomore Ashley Saistroms

"The most fun we had this year was when we took bars of soap and wrote all over the coaches car."

Freshman Mary Stinsons

"The most fun time I had was at the Penn tournament at the restaurant when we went to eat."

Freshman Michelle Green

P D I B A P

The junior varsity team gets a break before their game. The team gets together before each game to discuss their game plan.

At the homecoming pep rally some of the senior varsity football players tear up the roof.



football

Freshman R - Albert McCorkle, Anthony Pete, Jason Shewmaker, Grant Crizer, Joshua Harman, Bruce Campbell, Fred Joseph, Michael Brown, Gabriel Lopez, Thomas Pappas, Kevin Jones, Matthew Cates, Robert Tugurian, Paul Baum. **Sophomore R** - Scott Knutson, Nicholas Christian, Thomas Bialatal, Matthew Erickson, Jonathan Caldwell, Robert Miller, Eric Brown, Benjamin Kirish, Marc Samardzija, Bryon Riley, Jeffery Evans, Angelo Papachronis, David Fadely. **Junior R** - Manager Seth Britton, Manager Dawn Butterfield, Manager Robert Wells, Manager Michelle Vottero, Coach Mattie, Coach O'shea, Coach Mattix, Coach Milne, Coach Buzza, Coach Turpa, Coach Elkwood, Coach Livingston, Daniel Merrill, Manager Vance Carlin, Manager Sally Walton, Manager Paul Robertson. **Senior R** - Manager Heather Jaques, Jeffery During, Jacob Fadely, Xavier Mendez, Brandon Hughes, Robert Holtzman, Paul Moore, Kristopher Hardaway, Matthew Francis, Kevin McGuffey, Nick Wayne, Daniel Costa, Manager Megan Hagarly. **F** - David Klimczek, Jason Robbins, Jason Martinez, James Sullivan, Matthew Welches, Christopher Smolnicki, Nicholas Mayerik, Brandon Cotton, Chase Smolar, Jacob Cohen, Tony Vottero, and Brian Camp. **B** - Luke Zorick, Frank Montalene, Jason Ayala, James Hazzard, Matt Semernezski, Dale Fancher, James Oliver, Scott Riley, James Ramirez, Dennis Sheba.

At the game against Merrillville, junior Xavier Mendez prepares to kick a field goal.





The excitement rises while Kevin McGuffey and the rest of the Indians enter the pep rally the night before homecoming.

* Us vs. Them *

| | | |
|----|--------------|----|
| 49 | E.C. Central | 22 |
| 28 | L. Central | 41 |
| 28 | Hobart | 12 |
| 16 | Merrillville | 22 |
| 14 | Crown Point | 5 |
| 21 | Ch. Central | 10 |
| 32 | Madison | 0 |
| 12 | Valparaiso | 13 |
| 12 | LaPorte | 3 |
| 54 | L. Wallace | 0 |
| 31 | Merrillville | 14 |
| 20 | Valparaiso | 18 |
| 21 | Penn | 23 |

* Varsity Season Record * **4-5-0**



Moments

• The Portage Football team is based upon hard work and the strong desire to win.

Junior Xavier Mendez

• It [the team] is based on teamwork and practicing hard.

Sophomore Anthony Vottero

• We're [the team] probably based on teamwork and senior leadership.

Junior Chad Smolnicki

• We're [the team] based on playing with enthusiasm and emotion.

Junior James Oliver

• The team is based on unity.

Senior Christopher Smolnicki

P D W L B J V

At the sidelines, junior James Sullivan and senior Christopher Smolnicki watch and concentrate on the game.
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The junior varsity football team huddles together during half time to have a pep talk and discuss plays for the next half.

* Us vs. Them *

| | | |
|----|---------------|----|
| 38 | E.C. Central | 0 |
| 0 | L. Central | 16 |
| 7 | Hobart | 24 |
| 6 | Merrifield | 7 |
| 22 | Greater Point | 16 |
| 20 | Chesterton | 13 |
| 40 | Michigan | 0 |
| 10 | Valpo | 16 |
| 20 | La Porte | 14 |

Freshmen
Season
1-5-0



At the Michigan City game, freshman Micheal Suppett gets ready to hand off the ball to Anthony Crist. The team won the game 40 to nothing.

Football



Front Row - Manager Elizabeth Cicchetto, Tracy Chapman, Mathew Leonard, Christopher West, Joseph Guidarelli, Michael Fergus, Manager Nicole Serrato.
Second Row - Matthew Vaughan, Sean Hassett, Nicholas Wiemer, Nathan Krenkel, Aaron Schmarr, Kristoffer Karagory, Anthony Hopper, Andrew Belsba. **Third Row** - Ryan Hall, Bryan Krieg, Brian Bowles, Michael Doane. **Fourth Row** - Roberto Delgado, David Pieron, Donald Doyle, Jake Greer, Glenn Clever, David Dienes II, Adam Erickson, Frank Niebh, Ricky Frasure Jr., Michael Supp. **Fifth Row** - Cory Wilton, Mario Lopez, Ryan Rosenberger, Scott Boeman, Cottrell Sanders, William Sokol, Shane Akers, Jacob Shumaker, Christopher Aimutis, Russ Natalie, Robert Wring, Laronne Mabon, Matthew Diamond, Ryan Bergner, Brandon Borders. **Back Row** - Brian Nagler, Anthony Crist, Donald Zygowicz, Dean Efantis, James Rush, Bradley Stevenson, Justin Powell.

Freshmen



At the Chesterton football game sophomore Nicholas Mayerik prepares to throw the ball. Mayerik was also the quarterback.

Us vs. Them

| | | | | | |
|----|--------------|----|----|---------------|----|
| 30 | E.C. Central | 0 | 13 | Chesterton | 42 |
| 22 | Lake Central | 44 | 14 | Michigan City | 22 |
| 12 | Hobart | 38 | 24 | Valparaiso | 19 |
| 28 | Merrillville | 23 | 7 | LaPorte | 41 |
| 12 | Crown Point | 8 | | | |

Junior Varsity Season Record

4 - 5 - 0



Moments

A highlight, I think, is coming back to beat Crown Point.

• Freshman Brad Stevenson •

When we beat Valparaiso, that was a highlight for me.

• Sophomore David Klimezyk •

My highlight is when we played our game against Chesterton and came back to beat them 20-13.

• Freshman Ryan Rush •

The only highlights are the D.A.C. and sectional victories.

• Junior Jason Robbins •

P. D. B. J. V.

As Chesterton tackles Portage, sophomore Angelo Papachronis tries everything to stop them. They lost the game with the score of 13 to 42.

Covered in mud, freshman Anthony Crist runs down the field to make another touchdown for the Indians in the game against Michigan City.



It is the closing seconds of a game. The score is tied and Portage has the chance to win it all. Sure, it depends on the athlete, but let's not

Hooray For

forget about the cheerleaders. The girls' of the varsity,

junior varsity cheerleading, and poms have helped take teams to many victories over the years. "I like being part of the game and helping our players win,"

said sophomore Sandy

Kennedy. The cheerleaders

helped bring school spirit to the games. Admit it, when there is cheering going on, it is easier for students to cheer. The girls' work after school on their routines. All the hard work pays off. This year, the girls' went to competition. So at the next game remember the cheerleaders.

cheerleaders

*girls' of portage cheer
their way to the top*



On a bus ride to an away football game, the squads combine to get a group picture for a keepsake. This year the teams got together more often to keep team spirit.

At the homecoming pep rally the junior cheerleaders cheer on their class. The Poms and cheerleaders in each class cheered together to help them win.

cheerleading



FRESHMAN R - Jennifer Riffle, Lisa Torres, Julie Lochmondy, Piper Van Santen, Diane Zenci, Robyn Karner, Jennifer Andrews, Katie Foster.

cheerleading



FRONT R - Christina Vega, Jessica Colburn, Hilda Torres. **MIDDLE R** - Samantha Weinman, Amanda Armenta, Jennifer Vargas, Kellie Smith, Sandra Kennedy. **BACK R** - Jessica Kirk, Kristen Szabo, Lauren Dimitri, Gina Pritchett, Christen Tuttle, Allison Lowe, Jennifer Belleville.





The senior poms do a dance to help the seniors win at the homecoming pep rally. In the end the seniors win, with juniors second, sophomores third, and freshman last.



poms

FRESHMAN - Jessica Wireman, Jessica Grant, Nicole Warwick, Dionne Gingerich. **S**ENIOR - Amanda Pirowski, Krista King, Amber McKiddy, Cynthia Cochran, Stacey Weiner, Michelle Vottero, Ashlie Dehaven, Heather Jaques. **B**OTH - Victoria Perez, Kristen Allen, Tiffany Block, Amy Wright, Susie Fogle, Kelly Pokorney, Jillian Wallace, Jennifer Dixon, Angela Sabocik.



lifters

FRESHMAN - Jeffery Greer, Kenneth Markos, Joshua Swindle.



At the pep rally for homecoming cheerleading squads combined to form a mount. This year the cheerleaders had junior varsity and varsity squads.



A Freshman cheerleader Hilda Torres leads the freshman cheerleaders in a cheer to pump up the crowd. All class cheerleaders try to help pump their section up.



At the homecoming pep rally for football senior Krista King dances to a song with her senior pom-poms. To be in poms there is extensive tryouts for a week.

The varsity girls in their practice at Woodland Park.

Other practice areas include Bailey Homestead and Dune State Park.

* Us vs. Them *

| | | |
|---------|----------------------|----|
| second | Penn High | 19 |
| 20 | Merrillville | 39 |
| fourth | Rebel Invite | |
| seventh | Manchester | |
| fifth | Carmel Clam | |
| 33 | Lake Park | 22 |
| 19 | Carson Paint | 44 |
| 15 | New Prairie | 48 |
| 43 | Chesterton | 19 |
| 31 | Michigan City | 24 |
| fifth | DAC | |
| second | Sectionals | |
| fifth | New Prairie Regional | |

Junior Varsity
Varsity
* Season Record *

3-11-0



Moments

"This season the team united together and was a lot closer than last year. We accomplished one of our main goals to make it to the state meet."

Sophomore Jillian Guth

"We ran hard and had fun. It was a great season to have senior year."

Senior Jordyn Freehette

"This season overall was rocky, we went through a lot together but all our hard work payed off."

Sophomore Reheera Simiawski

Pink D... Blue B... Dark D... F... White



Juniors Carrie Rake and Amy Wright munch on apples and relax after the D.A.C. meet at Woodland Park.





The cross country team gathers after the D.A.C. Meet at Woodland Park while eating food provided by Town and Country.



The girls stretch their muscles before one of their practices at Woodland Park. Practices sometimes last up to three hours.



CROSS COUNTRY



girls2

Front Row - Jaclyn Frechette, Sane Ibrahim, Erica Mendez, Amy Wright, Carrie Rake, Linsey Roarke, Ilia Conover, Stephanie Krostak, Tara Simmons, Candace Posse, Jeannine Ibrahim. **Second Row** - Coach Genie Smonyiak, Rebecca Siminski, Nicole Keith, Melissa Evans, Kathleen Wampler, Jamie Wolfe, Jillian Gub, Amy Lochmondy, Danielle Gingerich, Ashlie Plummer, Coach Jay White. **Back Row** - Gretchen Hargarten, Elizabeth Collins, Julie Thomas, Candace Crockett, Kristin Danskin, Christina Mihalek, Nicole Warwick.

At Woodland Park Trails, the girls observe nature while practicing. The girls practiced up to six days a week.

After the D.A.C. meet, Freshman Melissa Evans rests to recover from a long race.



As the race at Woodland Park comes to an end, junior Matthew Cronch crosses the finishline. Cronch ran varsity all year.

Us vs. Them

| | | | |
|------------------|--------|-----------------|--------|
| Penn Hawk | first | Hobart '01 alps | first |
| Rebel Invite | first | Alaschka | first |
| Merrillville | first | D.A.C. Meet | first |
| Carmel Classic | second | Sectionals | first |
| LaPorte CP A/P | first | Regional | first |
| Chagrin Mountain | first | Semi-State | first |
| Gates Invite | first | State | second |

Varsity Season Record 12-2-0

CROSS-COUNTRY



Front Row • Matthew Cronch, Dustin Pittman, Joseph Bailey, Jeffery Zeba, Aaron Garza, Dennis Trajny, Adam Ritter, Joseph Hargarten, Alex Mulvihill. **Second Row** • Michael Urbanick, Craig Foster, Daniel Nemeth, Robert Charbonneau, Andrew Zeba, Daniel Dehaven, Kurt Halfmann Jr., Michael Halaschak. **Back Row** • Christopher Erickson, Sean Hannon, Stephen Samuel, Michael Taylor, Jason Ritter, Enrique Fontanez III, Michael Griffith, Thomas Erickson, Michael Zonder.



After the race at Woodland Park, senior Michael Griffith stops for a breather. Griffith ran varsity this season.



With strong efforts in the beginning by the cross country team, the varsity runners earned an early lead. The team won this race.

After a race, the team posed for a picture. Following their victories, teammates often got together to celebrate.



While he picks up his pace towards a LaForte runner, junior Michael Halaschak continues running. Halaschak was in the top twelve for the state-bound team.

Together the cross-country team runs in a pack to stay ahead of the opposing runners in the race. This year the cross-country team was second in the state.

Moments

"My goal and the team's goal every year is to win state. This year we worked hard to achieve this goal. We were so close but came up a little short."

- Sophomore Thomas Erickson -

"This whole season we were on top. We went into state as one of the top teams. We all pulled together to finish second in the state."

- Sophomore Michael Taylor -

"This season was awesome. It was the best team unified group I have ever been around. I will miss all these guys."

- Senior Jeffery Zeha -

Tennis



F - Kari Kopko, Stephanie Balunda, Amber Johnson, Michele Williams. **S** - Rachel Torres, Jennifer Kaminski, Cassandra Chelf, Jennifer Chelf, Carolyn Slomkowski.

Tennis



F - Kari Kopko, Stephanie Balunda, Amber Johnson, Michele Williams. **S** - Rachel Torres, Jennifer Kaminski, Cassandra Chelf, Jennifer Chelf, Carolyn Slomkowski. **M** - Amanda Hart, Angela Magana. **S** - Jennifer Belleville, Sara Egendoefer, Anna Perry, Melissa Evans. **T** - Alison Mayfield, Shaina Fink, Nicole O'Connor, Ashley Szybala, Tanja Gazibara. **F** - Monica Tatela, Jessica Berquist, Julie Green, Carla Wilson, Lauren Dimitri, Shandra Stanfield, Jill Young.

At a match, sophomore Carolyn Slomkowski leaps in the air to return the shot served to her. This year Slomkowski played on the varsity team.

Freshman Stephanie Balunda returned a tough shot hit to her at a match.

Although Balunda was a freshman, she played on the varsity team.



Moments

"This was my first year playing tennis. The other girls' on the team really helped me out a lot."

-Freshman Shundra Stanfield-

"We all put effort in and had a fun time. I really can't wait until next season."

-Freshman Tanja Gazibara-

"I will remember all the friendships made and how close some of us have become."

-Sophomore Jennifer Bellville-

Pink Dressing Bag from Jockey

Us vs. Them

| | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------|---|
| 1 | Lake Central | 4 |
| 0 | Andrean | 5 |
| 2 | Boone Grove | 1 |
| 0 | Chesterton | 5 |
| 2 | East Chicago | 3 |
| 0 | Crown Point | 5 |
| 4th Place Michigan City Tournament | | |
| Varsity | | |

Us vs. Them

| | | |
|-------------|--------------|---|
| 1 | Lake Central | 4 |
| 1 | Andrean | 4 |
| 3 | Boone Grove | 1 |
| 2 | Chesterton | 3 |
| 5 | East Chicago | 0 |
| Crown Point | | |
| 5 | | |

Junior Varsity



In an effort to return the ball to her opponent is Junior Amber Johnson as she hits the ball. Johnson has been on the tennis team since her freshman year.

As Sophomore Rachel Torres prepares herself to return a shot she watches the ball. Torres played on the Varsity team, whose record was 3-3 and 1-2 in the DAC.

Sophomore Brandon Arnold stands in the ready position to return a serve. Arnold was on the varsity team this year.



Us vs. Them

| | | | | | |
|---|----------------|---|---|-------------------|-------|
| 4 | Bishop Noll | 1 | 5 | Griepink | 0 |
| 4 | Highland | 1 | 2 | Vulcan | 3 |
| 4 | W. Lafayette | 1 | 4 | Lafayette | 1 |
| 3 | Lafayette Jeff | 2 | 1 | St. Joe | 2 |
| 5 | Michigan C. | 0 | 6 | Merrillville Tiny | First |
| 5 | Hobart | 0 | 7 | Chesterton Tiny | First |
| 5 | Andrean | 0 | 8 | Highland Invite | First |
| 4 | Greenfield | 1 | 5 | Sec Semi-Final | 0 |
| 5 | Merrillville | 0 | 2 | Sec Final | 3 |
| 5 | Chesterton | 0 | | | |

Varsity

Season Record

14-2-0

Us vs. Them

| | | | | | |
|---|----------------|---|---|----------------------|--------|
| 1 | Bishop Noll | 0 | 3 | Andrean | 2 |
| 2 | Highland | 3 | 2 | Merrillville | 3 |
| 1 | W. Lafayette | 2 | 1 | Chesterton | 4 |
| 3 | Lafayette Jeff | 2 | 3 | La Porte | 2 |
| 2 | Michigan C. | 0 | 1 | St. Joe | 4 |
| 2 | Hobart | 0 | 5 | JV Merrillville Tiny | Second |

Junior Varsity

Season Record

8-5-0



"Remember, racket back, concentrate." Those are the thoughts running through junior Hubert Cook's head while he pauses for a breath. Hubert played on the varsity team this year.

As the doubles match continues, seniors Ryan Mason and Kevin Stout concentrate on their tennis match. The boys' varsity tennis team finished the season with a 14-2-0 record.





Even though the sun beats down, the tennis match goes on. Junior Paul Bauer keeps himself on his toes while he awaits for the hit.

tennis



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Front Row: Brandon Arnold, Hubert Cook, Timothy Steckel. **Back Row:** Michael Kramer, Ryan Fisher, Kevin Stout, George Murrow, Ryan Mason.



While in deep thought, senior George Murrow takes his hat off, wipes the sweat off and prepares for another tennis match. Murrow played on the varsity team.

Moments

One good memory is when I came back to beat St. Joe's player three sets to win the tournament in Merrillville.

- Sophomore Brandon Arnold -

Playing in summer tournaments each year, and with such a diverse group of people inspired me to take tennis.

- Senior Ryan Mason -

My uncle, who used to play, gave me lessons. That's how it all started.

- Junior Hubert Cook -

I will definitely not forget the water fight on the bus. We were coming back from the Lafayette tournament.

- Sophomore Adam Morena -

Determination is visible on her face as senior Erin Jedlikowski swings for par. Jedlikowski broke several school records while at PHS.

* Us vs. Them *

| | | |
|-----|---------------------|-----|
| 177 | <i>Michigan</i> | |
| 85 | | |
| 201 | <i>Chesterton</i> | 249 |
| 186 | <i>Lake Central</i> | 182 |
| 198 | <i>Merrillville</i> | 217 |
| 193 | <i>Merrillville</i> | 194 |
| 177 | <i>Hobart</i> | |
| | | 259 |
| 205 | <i>Valparaiso</i> | 185 |
| 171 | <i>Lowell</i> | 242 |
| 171 | <i>Wheeler</i> | |
| | | 245 |
| 196 | <i>Crown Point</i> | 177 |
| 406 | <i>Sectionals</i> | |
| 197 | <i>LaPorte</i> | |
| 179 | <i>LaPorte</i> | 177 |
| 179 | <i>Boone Grove</i> | 201 |

Season Record

8-3-0

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With a look of concentration on her face, senior Erin Harrell follows her putt to the hole. The team ended their season with a record of 8-3-0.

In the following junior Natalie Yudt is teeing off at a typical meet. Yudt broke the high school junior scoring record for golf by shooting a score of 37.





Front Row - Erin Harrell, Cheryl Gzikowski, Stefanie Denny, Jennifer Morrisroe. **Second Row** - Nicole O'Conner, Katherine McMurry, Mandy Nelson, Cynthia Baker, Stephanie Lofland. **Back Row** - Mary Nolan, Natalie Yudt, Jennifer Kaminski, Erin Jedlikowski, Coach Tom Milakovic.



Reading the green, junior Natalie Yudt prepares for another strike. Looking at the texture of the ground to predict where the ball will go is common for golfers.

Moments

"What was special for me was when the team tried to help me do better."

Sophomore Cynthia Baker

"This season we seemed a lot closer as a team. We all hung out a lot together. We went to Indiana Beach after an Invite and had a blast."

Junior Jennifer Morrisroe

"Most people think golf is a stupid boring game. That's what I thought too until I tried it too. Now I realize, it's a really great game."

Junior Natalie Yudt



In the rough, Jennifer Morrisroe looks to get back on the fairway. Morrisroe has played golf since her freshman year.



At a match senior Erin Jedlikowski tees off. Jedlikowski concentrates on her ball traveling.

Us vs. Them

| | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|-----|-----|--------------|-----|
| 145 | Michigan City | 152 | 161 | Chesterton | 165 |
| 167 | Valparaiso | 170 | 159 | Hawthorne | 171 |
| 167 | Crown Point | 164 | 160 | Kankakee V. | 172 |
| 147 | Michigan City | 163 | 158 | Lake Central | 156 |
| 147 | Hobart | 173 | 158 | Munster | 164 |
| 155 | LaPorte | 149 | 152 | Boone Grove | 172 |
| 155 | Hobart | 181 | 174 | Merriville | 191 |
| 161 | Merriville | 178 | | | |

**Varsity
Season Record
12-3-0**

With his clubs close by, junior Matthew Whitver drives the ball towards the green. Whitver played on the varsity team this year.



Before the game, the team huddles together to socialize, break some tension, and to wish each other luck in their game. The goal being to beat their score from the previous games before.

After hitting the ball, junior Kevin Luellman watches to see where exactly the ball will drop. Luellman was also on the varsity team and helped the Indians to achieve their 12-3 record.

boys' golf

Front Row: Kevin Jones, Patrick Highlands, Philip Mulroe, Colin Highlands, James Selvage. **Back Row:** Benjamin McBroom, Matthew Whitver, Kevin Luellman, Jesse Harty, James Crowley.



With a swing of his club senior Jeremy Williams watches the ball soar through the air. This year the golf team sets a new school record against Michigan City with scores of 145-152 and 175-180.



* **Us vs. Them** *

| | | |
|-----|-----------------|-----|
| 175 | Michigan City | 180 |
| 176 | Valparaiso | 171 |
| 176 | Crown Point | 173 |
| 169 | Michigan City | 167 |
| 169 | Hobart | 179 |
| 171 | LaPorte | 161 |
| 171 | Hobart | 190 |
| 161 | Merrillville | 178 |
| 162 | Chesterton | 165 |
| 182 | Hanover Central | 206 |
| 198 | Kankakee V. | 189 |
| 203 | Lake Central | 162 |
| 203 | Munster | 177 |
| 170 | Boone Grove | 194 |
| 194 | Merrillville | 208 |

JV
* **Season Record** *
8-7-0



Before every game the teams have the chance to warm up. Here sophomore Patrick Highlands practices on his chip swing. Highlands was on the JV team, which ended their season with a 8-7 record.

While the strokes are being tallied, senior James Selvage and coach Fisher take a preview peek and add up the individual and overall scores of the teams.

Girls' varsity senior Gretchen Circle, sophomore Kristen Leon, and Heather Elkins practice their lay-ups before a game. Players often used the extra time before a game to warm up and practice.



With a congratulatory high-five, junior Natalie Yudt and senior Gretchen Circle celebrate along with the performing cheerleaders. Teammates kept each other's spirit up by giving high-fives and cheering on the sidelines.



Front Row - Lynn Ewen, Gretchen Circle, Cassandra Dixon, Jamie Lewis, Angela Shields, Heather Elkins, Coach Carrie Wiseman. **S**quad Row - Mrs. Renee Turpa, Natalie Yudt, Amanda Autrey, Lauren Hansen, Kristen Leon, Jennifer Fekete, Belinda Meyers, Erin Jedlikowski, Dr. Jon Soliday. **T**hird Row - Rachel Chavez, Michele Pickering, Erica Mendez, Cheryl Buerger, Stephanie Ciesielski, Lauren Benson, Rebecca Rodriguez.

Griswold

Coach Carrie Wiseman gives a quick pep talk while the girls' varsity basketball team rests in between quarters.



The girls' basketball team had a successful season this year. The Varsity record was 14-9.

Varsity season

Although more than half of the team's games were played away, they won

the majority of them. The Varsity team had many unforgettable memories this season, including beating Valparaiso, who was in second place in the state, and winning a sectionals game. Portage won

the game with a close score of 53-49. "The highlights of this season were beating Valparaiso for the first time in 11 years, and winning the Duneland Conference," senior Erin Jedlikowski said. Overall, the basketball team as a whole did better not only in their regular season games, but also as a team. "This year was a tremendous improvement over last year, due to team unity," Jedlikowski explained.

is cut short

Portage basketball has
a successful year and an
unforgettable season

Us vs. Them

| | | |
|----|----------------------------|----|
| 54 | E. Chicago Central | 28 |
| 64 | Gavit | 34 |
| 52 | Highland | 39 |
| 66 | Kankakee Valley | 37 |
| 55 | Crown Point | 47 |
| 42 | Munster | 46 |
| 64 | Merrillville | 70 |
| 76 | Elk Central | 49 |
| 50 | Western | 47 |
| 55 | Hobart | 52 |
| 47 | New Albany | 64 |
| 57 | Andrean | 53 |
| 53 | Valparaiso | 49 |
| 63 | Lake Station | 22 |
| 81 | Michigan City | 45 |
| 57 | LaPorte | 41 |
| 35 | Chesterton | 31 |
| 50 | Penn | 51 |
| 48 | Penn | 72 |
| 58 | Lake Central Sectionals | 55 |
| 62 | Michigan City | 55 |

Season Record

16-5

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Center Erin Jedlikowski jumps for the tipoff to knock it away from an Andrean player. Portage barely beat Andrean with a score of 57-53.

Varsity and Junior Varsity team members gather in a huddle to wish each other luck before their games. Some players play each others games.



Basketball



FRESHMEN - Kate Lindstrom, Shannon Smolar, Nicole Tessener, Ashley Grove, Nicole Dearing. **S**OPHOMORES - Manager Karen Belsha, Manager Megan Kiley Van Auken, Randi Leggett, Laura Hodges, Nicole Raines, Manager Heather Combs. **J.V.** - Coach Doug Nelson, Manager Isha Leon, Tracie Korbar, Ashley Plummer, Coach Leslee Cashmore.



In the fourth quarter with only 4:19 to go, the lady Indians manage to defeat the Lake Station Eagles.



After being passed the ball, sophomore Stephanie Cieslinski prepares to run downtown and score two more.

There are not thousands of fans cheering them on, no photographers, nor reporters. Just two teams wanting to come out on top. The intensity on the

We Got

court is equal to any varsity or professional game. The players in

the game try their hardest to win and do not take losing with open arms. "Just because we do not play in the varsity games doesn't mean that we do not want to win as much as the varsity team does," said sophomore Rachel Torres. The J.V. girls have a record of 11-9, but were disappointed in some of their losses. Freshmen girls had a record of 14-3 and were proud of their season. "We combined middle schools and did awesome this year," said freshman Laura Hodges. Both teams had a good season and are looking forward to next year.

Game

playing for fame
their playing for the
winning game.



Everyone's eyes are on the ball as the girls are getting ready to jump for the rebound. They won that game by 31 points.



On the court,
sophomore Heather
Elkins tries to stop
the Eagles from
getting the ball. The
season record for
JV was 11 and 9.



As Lake Station tries
to shoot a free throw,
the Indians
concentrate on
getting the ball back



Us vs. Them

| | | | | | |
|----|--------------|----|----|---------------|----|
| 32 | Crown Point | 28 | 49 | Chesterton | 14 |
| 29 | Gavit | 26 | 29 | Valparaiso | 17 |
| 51 | East Chicago | 12 | 25 | LaPorte | 24 |
| 34 | Highland | 19 | 57 | Griffith | 11 |
| 34 | Merrillville | 21 | 69 | Boone Grove | 15 |
| 34 | Hobart | 19 | 29 | Michigan City | 31 |
| 48 | Valparaiso | 35 | | | |

Freshmen Season Record 14-3-0

Us vs. Them

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|----|-----------------|----|----|---------------|----|
| 36 | Hammond | 11 | 28 | Monticello | 27 |
| 28 | E.C. Central | 29 | 38 | Anaheim | 36 |
| 31 | Highland | 44 | 47 | Michigan City | 30 |
| 26 | Kankakee Valley | 28 | 44 | Chesterton | 30 |
| 33 | Morton | 18 | 33 | LaPorte | 31 |
| 47 | Hobart | 43 | 49 | Lake Station | 18 |
| 28 | Crown Point | 19 | 53 | Valparaiso | 49 |

Junior Varsity Season Record 11-9-0



Support is half the battle when it comes to a good game. Here juniors Nicolle Ristic and Nicole Bacso along with many other students show their support for one another at the homecoming game.



Photograph Melissa Fritz



Photograph Melissa Fritz

Down the court junior, Bryan Homan tries to dribble the ball. Homan scored a after maneuvering past the guards for the Indians in the first quarter.

The team waits patiently as sophomore Mark Korba shoots a free throw to even up the score. Korba has been playing since his freshman year.

Photograph Melissa Fritz



Photograph Melissa Fritz

In the auditorium juniors Cheryl Buerger and Xavier Mendez along with seniors Nicole Warwick and David Costa each take a moment to congratulate each other. They were named the new king, queen, prince and princess.



Photograph Melissa Fritz

The Varsity, and junior varsity cheerleaders put on a show and perform for the fans during halftime of the Winter Homecoming game.

Winter homecoming is supposed to be a time to show off school spirit, or lack of it.

It's the middle of spirit week for winter homecoming. A majority of students are wearing pajamas and slippers to school. Everyone is more than happy to wear their pajamas for a day to show spirit. Well, that is how it is supposed to be.

Surprisingly few students participated in spirit week for winter homecoming this year. If you had tried to find someone participating in spirit week this year, you probably would have come up short. Students had many reasons for not taking part in this school tradition. "Spirit week isn't really spirit. They should do something else, like have a pep rally,"

sophomore Lynn Ewen said. The other important parts of winter homecoming are the basketball game and the homecoming court.

The basketball game at the end of spirit week is supposed to be the best part of homecoming, in fact, it is the whole reason why we have a spirit week at all. Another reason people go to homecoming is the excitement of seeing if the person they voted for will win the crown. Still others feel that it there is not enough support. "It's not fair that football homecoming gets more attention than ours. More people should come to

the game," said sophomore basketball player, Adam Higgins. There were still some students who participated in spirit week and came to the game.

While the number of students who showed their spirit and supported the team was relatively small, those who did made it well worth it. "I think it is important to show support for our school," said junior Eileen Craighead. Of course, less participation does not mean that students don't care. There is always time to make improvements, perhaps next year.

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Designed Kimberly McGee

basketball



Varsity

Varsity Boys - Dennis Trafny, George Murrow, Gary Reed, Ryan Mason, Michael Kramer, John Durr. **Starter Boys** - Christina Hodges, Bryan Homan, Darryl Henson, Akeem Clark, Brian Ball, Dave Dievers, Glen Duck. **Backup Boys** - Scot Wilson, Michael Oslizlo, Jacob Parker, Kevin Luellman, Kevin Stout, Scott Swanson.

While the opposing team tried to pass the ball into scoring position, Junior Bryan Homan guarded his man to be sure that he was not able to score.

These were the words uttered by the boys' varsity basketball team. They always came so close against some of the area's top competition. The boys' varsity basketball record was 8-13, but do not

jump to the conclusion that the team is not very good. The Varsity team has lost to the best teams in the D.A.C. by merely a few baskets. "A free throw here and a free throw there and our record could have been 16-5," said senior point guard George

Murrow. They have lost to the region's top teams like Chesterton, Merrillville, and La Porte twice and played them down until the final buzzer. "The games at Chesterton and Merrillville we should have won, it came down to mental mistakes that cost a lot of our games," said sophomore center Jake Parker. In the end the team was proud of their efforts year, but many thought that if they could have played a little bit better they would have had a better year in the end.





While the opposing team tries to contain the Indian offense, junior Jay Durr looks for an open teammate to score. The Indians went on to beat Bishop Noll by a score of 15 points.



A defender from Michigan City waits as senior George Murrow assesses the situation. Strategy and planning are large parts of playing basketball with success.



A senior Kevin Stout faked right and went left; he tried to get himself ready to make a shot. Portage lost to Michigan City with a score of 44-64.

Through a Michigan City double team, sophomore Brian Beach goes up for a lay-up.

Moments

"Hated having to try to learn the other team's plays and cramming a little bit of our offense at practice."

Sophomore Garry Roush

"The worst part was getting up early to shoot 100 free throws and then having to go to practice after school for another couple of hours."

Sophomore Garry Roush

"There were games when we doubled the other team's fan support and that was an away game."

Freshman Scott Homan

"I think we had a pretty good season and I love the home games."

Freshman Madison Sapp



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To make a shot, freshman Brooks Wheeler avoids a No. 10 opponent. At the end of the game the final score was 44-24.



On the court sophomore Brian Dixon tries to steal the ball from a Michigan City player.

In an attempt to gather control of the ball, freshman Aaron Schnarr prepares to make a shot.





After a missed shot, sophomore James Hazzard and a Michigan City player battle it out for a loose rebound. Hazzard was a forward for Portage.

The freshman team gathers around Coach Micklo to discuss plays. The freshman team had a record of 13-7-0.



basketball



FRESHMAN R - Ryan Hall, Craig Foster, Sean Hassett
SUPPERS R - Christopher Aumutis, Daniel Dehaven II, Brooks Wheeler, Matthew Vaughan, Michael Supp, Kristopher Karagory **T** - R - Aaron Schnarr, Dean Efantis, Corey Mace, Brady Stevenson, Adam Ritter, Steven Cimbaljevich, Coach Reid Amones, Larone Mabon, Andrew Mills, David Trafny, Brandon Borders, Allan Nagy, Daniel Trepanier Not pictured: Coach Scott Micklo

Freshman B team Us vs. Them

| | | | | | |
|----|----------------|----|----|-----------------|----|
| 34 | Michigan City | 21 | 42 | Kankakee Valley | 40 |
| 48 | Hobart | 46 | 31 | Merrillville | 32 |
| 31 | Wash. Township | 21 | 25 | Chesterton | 38 |
| 47 | Highland | 46 | 28 | LaPorte | 37 |
| 42 | Lake Central | 31 | 46 | Crown Point | 29 |
| 36 | LaPorte | 38 | 44 | Hobart | 27 |
| 36 | South Central | 17 | 37 | Lake Central | 35 |
| 35 | River Forest | 28 | 41 | Wheeler | 40 |
| 44 | Chesterton | 50 | 25 | East Chicago | 22 |
| 44 | Valparaiso | 57 | | | |

Season Record
12-7-0

Junior Varsity Team * Us vs. Them *

| | | |
|----|------------------|----|
| 53 | Lake Station | 10 |
| 33 | Morton | 18 |
| 53 | Penn | 41 |
| 49 | Calumet | 26 |
| 55 | Lake Central | 32 |
| 36 | Crown Point | 26 |
| 36 | Highland | 26 |
| 50 | Michigan City | 57 |
| 38 | Hobart | 29 |
| 37 | Boone Groove | 28 |
| 47 | LaPorte | 39 |
| 46 | Chesterton | 40 |
| 33 | Valparaiso | 35 |
| 57 | Kankakee Valley | 44 |
| 36 | Merrillville | 34 |
| 47 | Elkhart Memorial | 46 |
| 36 | Munster | 33 |
| 41 | Noll | 30 |

Season Record
15-3-0

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Freshman A team Us vs. Them

| | | | | | |
|----|-----------------|----|----|-----------------|----|
| 40 | Michigan City | 23 | 34 | Valparaiso | 40 |
| 35 | Andrean | 53 | 44 | Hobart | 24 |
| 27 | Highland | 28 | 31 | Kankakee Valley | 22 |
| 39 | Lake Central | 31 | 41 | Merrillville | 38 |
| 40 | LaPorte | 38 | 48 | Crown Point | 49 |
| 56 | Lasalle | 49 | 30 | Chesterton | 28 |
| 46 | Washington | 45 | 26 | Valparaiso | 43 |
| 38 | Munster | 45 | 34 | Boone Groove | 23 |
| 24 | Michigan Marian | 23 | 44 | Noll | 24 |
| 37 | Chesterton | 53 | 55 | East Chicago | 51 |

Season Record
13-7-0

wrestling



Freshman Roster - Mark Hutmacher, Anthony Vottero, Nathan Rossman, Gene Neyhart, Adam Moreno, Michael Chandler, David Persin, Chris Ragen, Alex Perez. **Sophomore Roster** - Frank Nemeth, Adam Roman, Seth Britton, Derrik Wright, Andrew Bradbury, Jeremy Joseph, Jeffery Veach, Luke Nixon, Roberto Delgado, Chris Aimutus, Matt Leonard, Orlando Roman. **Third Roster** - David Rodriguez, Anthony Hopper, Michael Benson, Eric Keith, Patrick Wilkins, Lukas Dudley, Steven Charnetzky, James O'Keefe, Michael Diamond, Jake Shear. **Board Roster** - Hernan Colon, Cleatus Furlong, Brad Rivera, Ron Nelson, John Cozik, Justin Powell, Scott Buhman, Rickie Elkins, Jacob Cohen, Aaron Massow, Michael Leonard.



Portage's junior Eric Keith displays his talent and skill by pinning his opponent from Valparaiso. Eric Keith was a state qualifier.

With much skill and determination junior Fred Joseph pins his opponent from Hobart. Joseph placed first in state.

Reaching For

Sweat, effort, and dedication are all a part of boys' wrestling. The hardest part of wrestling were practices. "Practices were really long and hard," said sophomore Mike Chandler. The wrestlers

started out at 6:00 a.m. for morning practice. Practices

after school were from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. At practice, wrestlers run, learn new moves, practice moves with a partner, wrestle like

its a real match, and do sprints.

"Wrestling's different since Coach Pendowski took over because practice got a lot harder and more

intense," said junior Aaron Taylor. Spending time together at practices did not affect the wrestlers attitudes toward one another. "We got along good as a team," said sophomore Anthony

Votero. Some were not happy with the results this season. "I thought the season was disappointing because we should have beat Hobart in regionals to make it to state," said senior Dale Fancher.

the top



Us vs. Them

| | | | | | |
|----|---------------------|---|----|-------------|----|
| 5 | Jv Invitational | 0 | 43 | Laporte | 27 |
| 78 | Michigan City | 6 | 41 | Valparaiso | 28 |
| 65 | Merrillville | 9 | 48 | Hobart | 22 |
| 5 | Goshen Invitational | 0 | 79 | Crown Point | 0 |

Junior-Varsity Season Record

8-0-0

Us vs. Them

| | | | | | |
|---------------|----------------|-----------|---------------|--------------|----|
| 54 | Michigan City | 13 | 27 | Hobart | 31 |
| Lake Central | second | 1DA | second | | |
| 54 | Merrillville | 15 | 5 | Lake Station | 0 |
| 4 | Calmont Invite | 1 | 51 | Crown Point | 9 |
| 38 | Laporte | 20 | Culver Invite | first | |
| N. Montgomery | second | Sectional | first | | |
| 39 | Valparaiso | 19 | Regional | second | |

Varsity Season Record

9-5-0



Staring down his opponent from Hobart, senior Dale Fancher gets ready to make his big move to pin him. Fancher was a state qualifier at the end of the season.

At the wrestling meet junior Fred Joseph pins his opponent from Hobart. Portage lost the meet to Hobart 27-31.

With very little sign of struggle sophomore Lucas Dudley attempts to flip over his opponent from Hobart. Dudley eventually went onto win his match.

As she flashes a big smile, freshman Angela Sabocik celebrates as she finishes her performance on the uneven bars. Sometimes just finishing the event that they are best in is the biggest accomplishment for the competitor.

As she tries to keep her balance, senior Tiffany Stewart executes a routine on the uneven bars. Most girls in gymnastics perfect their performance in one routine, while others would participate in a variety of events.



Getting some advice, senior Jessica Grant talks her routine over with Coach Rob Sorber. The gymnastics team would go to the coach to get tips on how to improve their routine, as well as for personal guidance.





As she finishes up her floor routine, freshman Jessica Colburn does a dance around the gym. The gymnastics team this year did very well on the floor routine exercise.

As she takes a little break, freshman Michelle Mihalik wraps her foot. Breaks are sometimes necessary during a tournament to replenish energy and rest up for the next activity.



The pressure is on and the tension level is high. The gymnast calmly steps up to the mat and takes a deep breath. Gymnastics is not only based on physical abilities, like who can do the best cartwheel, but on mental strength and composure as well. "Before I perform, I'm thinking about tricks that I've been working on and how I want to stick and perfect them," junior Amie Carns said. The focus that the girls have has paid off. "They've done really well. Every girl has improved throughout the year," Coach Katie Burdett said. The girls owe their success to themselves and to each other. "My teammates push me to my limits," senior Lindsay Easton said. Hopefully, the girls will have another positive season next year as they grow and improve as a team.

*despite the pressure
she pushes herself to reach
her goals*

gymnastics



Gymnastics

FRESHMAN ROMEY - Ryan Johnston, Angela Sabocik, Amanda Walworth, Michelle Mihalik, Amie Carns. **S**ENIOR ROMY - Samantha Weinman, Marcia Smedley, Carrie Javorka. **B**EACH ROMY - Rob Sorber, Kathleen Wampler, Ashlee DeHaven, Lindsay Easton, Jackie Ferchette, Tiffany Stewart, Jessica Grant, Piper VanSanten.

As junior Kristin Harold dives, she concentrates on a focal point to help block out everyone around her. Harold placed seventh in the sectional meet.

Before diving begins, the swim team talks about their previous performance in the meet and other upcoming events. This year the girls' swim team was 9-4.



* Us vs. Them *

| | | |
|------|---------------|-------|
| 87 | St. Joseph | 98 |
| 115 | Hobart | 71 |
| 98 | Lafayette | 88 |
| 109 | Merrillville | 77 |
| 60 | Lowell | 41 |
| 99 | La Porte | 87 |
| 112 | Highland | 73 |
| 102 | Michigan City | 84 |
| 102 | Munster | 84 |
| 79 | Lake Central | 107 |
| 68.5 | Chesterton | 117.5 |
| 2 | Kankakee V. | 2 |
| 60 | Muncie | 21 |



Assophomore Kari Kopko swims the breaststroke, her teammate freshman Kara Gibson awaits her turn to swim freestyle. This relay team was third in the state meet.

Three girls, junior Jamie Wolfe, sophomore Heather Piazza, and senior Michelle Vaught cheer on one of their teammates. Everyone participated in cheering on the team after they swam in their event.

**Varsity
Season Record**
9-3-1





At a meet sophomore Amy Lochmondy prepares to jump into the water as her teammate touches the wall. The girls' team placed third overall in sectionals.

Dive into They also had practice every day after school and in the mornings. "The hardest thing about swimming was getting up every morning and going every day. We didn't get a whole lot of sleep," said senior Michelle Vaught. However, all of the hard work paid off for the swim team. The girls'

swim team placed third in sectionals. Four swimmers represented PHS in state and swam the 200 medley relay, 200 freestyle, 100 breaststroke, and 100 butterfly. A positive thing about this year's season was that the girls spent time outside of the pool together. "We got along better this year," said junior Yecenia Feliz.

*Hard work ends
up in friendship*



FRESHMEN - Kristy Corey, Jamie Wolfe, Kristi Siminski, Margeaux Lawson-Loyd, Jessica Perez, Heather Piazza
SOPHOMORES - Coach Kathleen Hull, Melissa Lopez, Melanie Morales, Jaclyn DeBord, Stephanie Niemcewicz, Amy Lochmondy, Holly Pinigues, Kari Kopko
JUNIORS - Nicole Keith, Brenna Sweeney, Margaret Simkin, Kristynn Herold, Stephanie O'Connor, Nicole O'Connor, Billie Jean Ramirez, Lena Klakoski, Coach Keith F
SENIORS - Kathrine Mc Murry, Gretchen Hargarten, Heide Hullseik, Yecenia Feliz, Michelle Gass, Christine Parks, Elizabeth Simkin
COACHES - Mr. Summers, Kristy Johnson, Michelle Vaught, Chrystal Greenwell, Pamela Snoder, Lauren Niemcewicz, Kara Gibson, Juliana Lach, Shannon Parker, Patricia Snoder

Twisty

As they wait for him to reach the finish line, the swimmers urge their fellow teammate onto victory. Team spirit is an important part of any sports team.

* Us vs. Them *

| | | |
|-----------|----------------|--------|
| 120 | Lafayette Jeff | 66 |
| 120 | Merriville | 65 |
| 126 | Munster Relays | third |
| 91 | LaPorte | 6 |
| 127 | Highland | 94 |
| 85 | Michigan City | 54 |
| 122 | Munster | 101 |
| 110 | Griffith | 64 |
| PHS | Crown Point | 75 |
| 32 | Diving Invite | second |
| 67 | Valparaiso | 103 |
| 74 | Chesterton | 119 |
| 115 | Chesterton | 60 |
| DAC Meet | Hobart | 68 |
| Sectional | | third |

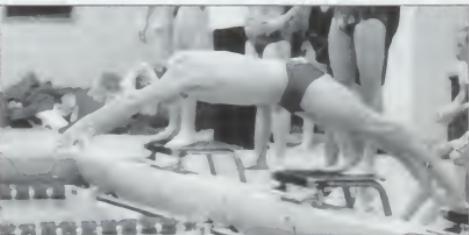
Season Record
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To improve his performance, junior Jeremy Golins asks Coach Ralph Mundt for advice on his race. Swimmers go to the coaches for tips on swimming techniques.



As his teammate reaches the wall, senior Chris Smolnicki gets ready to swim his lap in the relay. The relay race was one of the many parts of the competitions.





As he concentrates on diving, senior Rob Berquist mentally prepares himself. Swimmers try to envision the dive before they actually take the plunge.

As he comes up for a breath of air, Brian Balta executes the breaststroke. Many swimmers focus on one stroke, while others excel at many.



A Splash
The swim team swam their way to the top this year. The swimmers worked hard in the pool before and after school to be successful. Their hard work and dedication have caused many great things to happen. "I feel pretty good about the performances. Lots of people made the top 12 at sectionals. We worked extra hard and we got new people," junior Terry Henson said. The swimmers have achieved goals and have also made some lasting memories of success. "A memorable moment for me is when I made top 12 at sectionals. Coach and the whole team were excited. It felt great," junior James Kallimani said. Also, members of the team have gained role models. "I admire Balta. He never gives up, he is not bias, and he always does what is right," junior Alex Lo said.

Swimming



Boys' Swimming

Freshmen - Joseph Hulse, Greggory Mundt, James Kallimani, Robert Berquist, Jason Kish, James Thomas III. **S**ophomores - Mike Szenty, Dwane Alcatera, Brian Balta, John Harbaugh, Adam Velazquez. **T**riketters - Josh Gamble, John Kish, Donald Lubek, Bill Ripple, Nick Rodgers, Dan Hatten. **B**rigades - Alex Lo, Terry Henson, Alex Mulvihill, Joason Komenda, Jim Gardner, John Gardner, Adam Velazquez.

swimmers hard work and determination pay off

Subtle signals, speed, precision were all tools that the boys varsity baseball team used to succeed this year. They improved on their 4-25 record from

Varsity Baseball

last year.

Some of the team were disappointed in their record, while others were disappointed in their personal performance. "There was times when I could have done better but didn't produce when I had the chance," said senior catcher Nick Wayne.

Others felt that their record did not reflect what accomplishes they had made "We really came together this year than compared to last year," said senior centerfielder Kevin McGuffey.

The Indians lost to the LaPorte Slicers who were ranked fourth in the nation, in the first round of the sectionals 13-1.

Representing



As the ball almost reaches orbit, junior Mark Wiseman hits a shot that was close to going out of the park.

Mark was a major contributor to the team this year.

With strong form, junior Matt Mahns, pitcher, gets a strike during a game versus South Central. The Portage Indians lost the game 6-5 in extr innings.





The team congratulates each other after winning against Lake Central. The Indians won 15-3.

baseball



Following R - manager Dave Ring, Kevin Goad, Nick Wayne, Chris Hicks, Randon Lingenfelter, S - Matt Mahns, Scott Riley, Evans, Jim Oliver, Derrick Weidenower, Umpire R - Coach Amens, Dave Niloff, Eric Richie, Jeremy Leonard, Kevin McGuffey, Michael Raman, Mark Wiseman, Coach Levandowski



As the team rallies, junior Randon Lingenfelter scores on a hit by Nick Wayne in an effort versus South Central. Randon was a catcher on the team.



In the dugout, junior Dave Niloff and seniors Derrick Weidenower and Evan Evans hang out during the game. Dave caught for pitchers Derrick and Evan.

On deck, sophomore Derek Boks takes practice swings before going up to bat. This year junior varsity wore the same uniforms as varsity.

The freshman team looks on as they stand towards the outside of the dugout. The team played its games on the varsity field.

* Us vs. Them *

| | | |
|----|-----------------|----|
| 14 | Lake Station | 1 |
| 3 | Lake Central | 14 |
| 2 | Hobart | 3 |
| 6 | Morgan Township | 5 |
| 2 | Crown Point | 9 |
| 0 | Bishop Noll | 11 |
| 6 | Valparaiso | |
| 15 | River Forest | 11 |
| 6 | Magnolia | 11 |
| 2 | Chesterton | 5 |
| | Hobart | 10 |
| 8 | LaPorte | 10 |
| 1 | Michigan City | 1 |
| 6 | LaPorte | 6 |
| 4 | Lowell | 8 |

**Junior Varsity
Season Record
8-19-0**



On the bench, the junior varsity team watches the hitter up at bat. The team finished the season 8-19.

After a teammate hit the baseball, sophomore Robert Holtzman becomes another RBI. Junior varsity found it hard at times to score runs in the game.





In a stolen base attempt, the throw down to second comes late to sophomore shortstop Adam Higgins. This was Higgins' second year playing baseball.

Pitcher Derek Boksa throws a curve ball late in the count. Boksa started many games for the junior varsity team.



* Us vs. Them *

| | | |
|----|--------------|----|
| 5 | EC Central | 7 |
| 12 | Hobart | 0 |
| 4 | Andrean | 12 |
| 6 | Merrillville | 9 |
| 2 | Boone Grove | 4 |
| 11 | Bishop Noll | 0 |
| 26 | Merrillville | 6 |
| 3 | Chesterton | 8 |
| 4 | Crown Point | 8 |
| 3 | CHS/CPHS/MHS | 2 |

Freshman
Season Record
11-12-0

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The junior varsity team comes together for a group huddle before the start of the upcoming game. The team is made up of all sophomores.

Sunbathing in Fort Myers, Florida, seniors Mellissa Fritz, Marc Samardzija, Tara Potts, Jon Harbaugh, and James Thomas enjoy Spring Break on the beach.

Chillin' at Daytona Beach, Florida, juniors Michelle Thompson and Ilsa Conover body surf in the Atlantic Ocean. Thompson and Conover went with several friends to Florida for Spring Break.



Photograph by Melissa Fritz



Photograph by Cheryl Guzikowski

With a little taste of college life, seniors Cheryl Guzikowski, Denise Carpenter and another touring friend, visit Simpson College in Iowa. All three girls planed to attend Simpson this fall.

At the beach, juniors Michelle Thompson and Ilsa Conover enjoy a day in the sun floating on boogie boards. Many students spent Spring Break on beaches around the world, catching rays.



Spring Break is awaited and planned for the entire year. It's time to hit the beaches and hang out with friends...It's Spring Break.

This year, just like every other, students spent Spring Break in a variety of places, doing a variety of things. Some stayed in and around Portage and neighboring cities, while others vacationed in exotic places.

Sunshine and warmth were the characteristics students looked for in vacation spots. "For Spring Break I went to the British Virgin Islands. It was fun, I lived on a boat for a whole week. I ran around barefoot and saw naked people all day," said junior Sarah Alsman.

Among many places visited, Florida reigned as one of the most popular vacationing spots. "Miami [Florida] was definitely the best place I went to over Spring Break," said junior Jamie Woltz. Some seniors thought it would be a good vacation spot to spend the last high school Spring Break together. "This trip made our senior year the best year ever at Portage High School. We are really happy to have spent the time together; and we went parasailing for the first time," senior Melissa Fritz

said.

While some got the luxury of going away to vacation, others had to make the best being stuck in the exciting Portage, Indiana. "For Spring Break I stayed home and went to work at McDonald's," junior Brandi Sholar said. "When I was not at the air force office or at McDonald's, I was out rollerblading and hanging out with my friends." So whether or not students were in Portage, Spring Break was a vacation needed by all.

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Designed Jennifer Kaiser



Photograph James Kallman

With shoes in hand, Cheryl Guzikowski strolls the beach on Paradise Island in the Bahamas. Guzikowski and family went on a cruise around the Bahamas for Spring Break, stopping at all of the popular tourist attractions and beaches.

Photograph Cheryl Guzikowski

At a farewell party before their return to Germany, John Defoe, Svenja Becker, Jee Hargarten, and Frank Schaubell enjoy the hospitality and comfort of the new friends they've made while spending their Spring Break here in Portage.

Varsity softball players gather on the bench to watch the game when they are not part of it. Having team members around watching helps keep the players' spirit high.

In batting stance, junior Michele Pickering prepares for the upcoming pitch. Pickering, along with 21 other players from both the Varsity and Junior Varsity teams, advanced to state competition this summer.



softball



Varsity

First **R** - Michele Pickering, Wendy Cannon. **S**econd **R** - Cassandra Dixon, Stephanie Lowe, Angela Shields, Jenica Tyrka. **T**hird **R** - Belinda Meyers, Kelly Buhman, Jamie Lewis, Katie Kawiecki, Kristin King. **Fourth **R**** - Tracie Korbar, Rebecca Rodriguez, Ashley Safrstrom, Christina Nystrom, Corinne Munoz, Cheryl Buerger.

With congratulatory high-fives, the varsity team celebrates their victory.

Team members encouraged each other to keep spirit high and attitudes pleasant.





After a foul ball, freshman Jeanette Piehl throws another pitch. Piehl was on the Varsity team this year.

Moments

“This season taught me to believe in myself. The team and the coaches pushed me and helped me to have confidence. Everyone was great, I had lots of fun.”

-Sophomore Jamie Sutton-

“This softball season was very fun and I love working together with everyone on the team. When we play together no one can stop us.”

-Sophomore Ashley Safrstrom-

“This softball season was a great learning experience for me. It was my first year on varsity and I had a lot of fun.”

-Sophomore Cassandra Dixon-

Photo by Jennifer K. Koenig



softball



Junior Varsity

Freshmen R - Deborah Roberts, Melissa Misner, Heather Elkins, Elizabeth Collins. **Sophomore R** - Stephanie Labno, Jeanette Piehl, Randi Leggett, Jamie Sutton, Annette Bartok. **Junior R** - Breanna Beike, Holli Owen, Sarah Halfman, Caitlin Groves, Danielle Gingerich, Stephanie Ciesielski.

* Us vs. Them *

| | | |
|----|-----------------|---|
| 9 | Hobart | 3 |
| 5 | Valparaiso | 2 |
| 9 | Penn | 0 |
| 9 | Marquette | 0 |
| 6 | Chesterton | 0 |
| 14 | Crown Point | |
| 20 | La Porte | 1 |
| 3 | Lafayette | 0 |
| 1 | Merrillville | 0 |
| 9 | Kankakee Valley | 0 |
| 10 | Highland | 0 |
| 10 | Boone Grove | 2 |
| 17 | Michigan City | 0 |
| 12 | La Porte | 1 |
| 8 | Merrillville | 2 |
| 5 | Andrean | 0 |
| 2 | Lafayette | 3 |
| 5 | Crown Point | 2 |
| 1 | Kankakee Valley | 0 |

Varsity Season Record

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| Us vs. Them | | | | | |
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| 11 | La Porte | 0 | 10 | Chesterton | 3 |
| 16 | Lafayette | 3 | 9 | Marquette | 3 |
| 12 | Merrillville | 3 | 6 | Penn | 3 |
| 11 | Hobart | 2 | 5 | Valparaiso | 2 |
| 18 | La Porte | 1 | 1 | Hobart | 5 |
| 9 | Crown Point | 6 | 10 | Merrillville | 0 |

Junior Varsity Season Record

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Girls Track



* Us vs. Them *

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| 38 | Crown Point | 44 |
| 38 | Valparaiso | 74 |
| 31.5 | Michigan City | 62 |
| 31.5 | Merrillville | 62.5 |
| 3rd | Sectionals | |
| | Regionals | |
| | State Qualifiers | |

Anna Villaneuva Discuss
Melissa Smith High Jump
Lauren Benson 200m Dash

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Freshman Rookies - Carrie Rake, Amy Wright, Pamela Smith, MacKenzie Harsha, Amanda Potts, Rebecca Hall, Maxwell Harsha, Jessica Grant, Gretchen Circle, Melissa Smith, Denisa Hobgood. **Sophomore Rookies** - Melissa Kelley, Heather Nelson, Nicole Flannery, Joanna Benson, Lindsay O'Rourke, Crystal Schultz, Jaclyn DeBord, Jamie Wolfe. **Team Rookies** - Candace Gardner, Kera Brust, Michelle Lute, Ashley Plummer, Stephanie Prastag, Jill Wallace, Kristian Allen, Melissa Morris, Jillynn Guth, Amy Lochmondy, Nicole Basco. **Freshman Runners** - Breanna Beike, Lisa Capodagli, Nicole Ring, Jody Greer, Shannon Smolar, Nicole Reine, Kristen Selund, Heide Hulsiek, Gretchen Hargarten, Erica Mendez. **Rookies** - Rebecca Saminski, Kristen Danskin, Ilsa Conover, Sane Ibrahim, Emily Kirk, Veronica Tilly, Amanda Autrey, Ana Villaneuva, Kristen Leon, Natalie Hardison. **Seniors** - Coach Mark Harsha, Coach Audra Peterson, Coach Tom Sanidas, Coach Jay White.



In the circle, senior Jennifer Fekete launches the shotput during practice. Like all athletics, practice makes the difference between those who excel and those who do not.



With four years of track team experience, senior Pam Smith races down the home track. Pam overcame injuries from her junior year to finish her high school on a strong note.



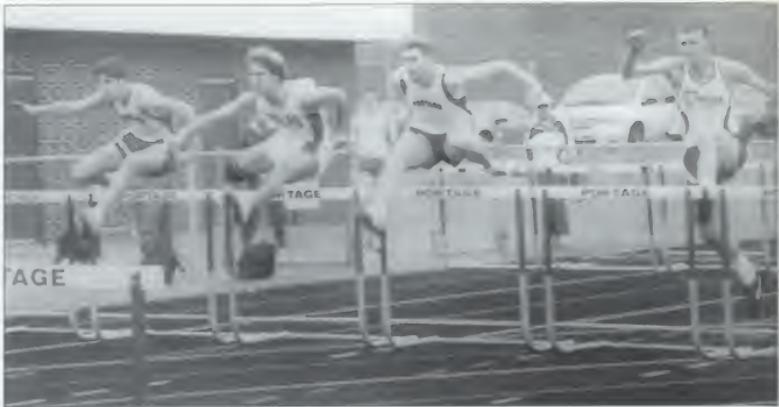
In the Portage Relay, sophomore Emily Kirk exhibits determination. Emily was part of the girls relay team.



With speed and agility, junior Jessica Grant soars through the air while competing in the high jump. The field events for girls track consist of high jump, long jump, discus and shotput.

In a spare moment between events, the team members unwind and offer support for one another on the infield. Track offers students opportunities to excel as both team member and individual.

As he jumps over the hurdle, Junior Michael Oslizlo fights fierce competition to get to the finishline. Oslizlo made it to regionals in the hurdles during the post season.



The boys' distance runners and Coach Bill Wilke congregate after a race. In addition to being a boys' track coach, Wilke also coaches the boys' cross country team and teaches gym classes.

Moments

"My most memorable experience was seeing the looks on the coaches and runners faces after our regional championship."

-Junior Xavier Mendez

"I liked having an undefeated season and winning rookie of the year."

-Junior Tony Turner

"I'll always remember me and (team mate) Xavier Mendez went 1 and 2 in the Conference Championship. My hands flew in the air when I crossed that line."

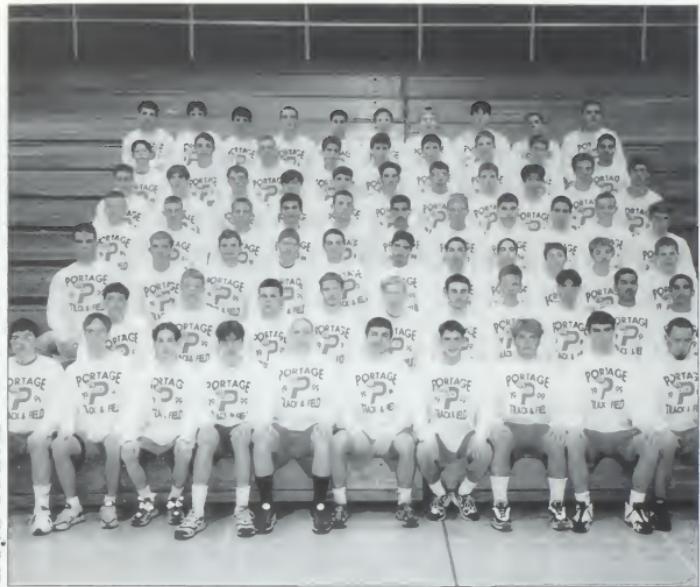
-Sophomore Michael Taylor

"Placing second runner up against 32 teams is what I'll remember."

-Senior Enrique Fontanez



Boys' Track



Front R - Christopher Papachronis, Michael Zonder, Joseph Hargarten, Andrew Zeha, Kristopher Hardaway, Robert Tugurian, Thomas Modesto, Jeffery During, Gary Reed, James Sullivan. **S** - Daniel Nemeth, Charles Pall, Stuart Curran, Justin Follow, Mitchell Sims, Frank Nimeth, Thomas Erickson, Jeffery Zeha, Tony Turner, Roberto Delgado.

Third R - Louis Patrizi, Adam Fletcher, Micheal Taylor, Scott Holtzman, Chad Smolar, Joseph Golarz, Jesse Padilla, Adam Roman, Michael Urbank, Craig Foster, Adam Ritter.

Fourth R - Steven Helpingsine, Matthew Cronch, Steven Samuel, Xavier Mendez, Christopher Pauley, Richard Rodriguez, Charles Kuntz, Bryan Buckroff, Nicholas Rodgers, Christopher Erickson, Michael Halaschak. **F**ifth R - Michael Zulkowski, Dennis Trafny, Matthew Westerkamp, Joseph Bailey, Kurt Halfman, Aaron Garza, Anthony Vottero, Michael Pickart, Robert Vega, Jason Ritter, Michael Griffith.

R - Dustin Pittman, Christopher Aimutis, Justin Powell, Alex Muvihill, Curtis Ksenak, Stefen Hutchins, David Gilbert, Philip Guerre. **B** - Scott Knutsen, Aaron Flores, Brad Hullseik, Thomas Bialata, Matthew Diamond, Douglas Tomes, Jonathon Cladwell, Matthew Andryuk, Omar Said.



In the Portage Relays, Junior Steven Samuel races to the finish line in the open mile. Samuel has also been a member of the Boys Cross Country team and Track for three years of his high school career.

All **Individuals** *Considered*

From sports to clubs to classes, Julie Thomas catches her breath as students show their individuality in freshman Charlie Mathewson, Candace activities before and after school. Gardner, Elizabeth Collins, and Nicole Senior Kristin King prepares herself to Keith receive pies in the face. In class, recieve the volleyball, while other Jessica Sandor waits to develop film. students attend the pep rally. Junior



Individuals



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Ith a pie in the face from student council, senior Ryan Wall, goes to clean up at the Winter Homecoming Pep Rally.



The senior girls from the Pom Pon Squad perform a dance routine for the variety show. The girls wanted one final farewell performance.



At the Winter Homecoming Pep Rally senior Daniel Tomes walks off the gym floor after performing his skit to show his spirit.



Bridget Abbott

sophomore club 1, academic letter 3,4, honor roll 1-4, TA 4, "Who's Who Among High School Students"

Kristy Alaniz

Autumn Alderson

Troy Alford

David Alonso

track 1, cross country 1,2, Latin club 3



Jeffrey Amstein

track 1,2,4, TA 4

Robert Anderson

Jacob Atherton

Erin Austgen



Kristina Baker

Elizabeth Balash

Derek Baldwin

Brian Baldwin



"A" honor roll 1-4, national honor society 3-4, science club 3, "Do Black Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up?" chess club 3,4, hope club 3,4, cheerleading 1-3, cheerleaders 1,3, symphonics 1,2

Johnny Azcona





Jonathon Bassett
Michelle Baugh
Marisol Baumann
Sharon Beach

peer tutor 3, S

Nicole Bellamy

homeroom diploma, academic letters, honor #4, "Who's Who Among American High School Students", german club 1-4, national honor society 3,4, foreign language honor society 3,4, peer tutor 3, speech 2, TA 1-3



Christopher Benko-Meyer

Heather Bennett

Michael Benson

Stacy Berndt

Thomas Bialata

farm club 1-3, natural helpers 3,3, softball 1-4, captain, track 1-4, captain



Natalie Blanchard

Erica Blastick

photography 4, TA 2,3, concert orchestra 1,2

Tiffany Block

poem poem 4

Douglas Blour

Joshua Blunk

peer tutor 2-4, special olympics 1-4



James Boch

Micah Bornstein

James Bosstel

Andrew Bradbury

Chad Bradford

softball 1, via 4



Angela Britton

Heather Broadway

Jerry Browning

Joshua Buckner

Bryan Buckroff



Kelly Buhrman

softball 1-4, volleyball 1-4, girls glee 1-3

George Burchuk

national honor society 3,4, speech/debate 2-4, intramural volleyball 1,2, concert orchestra 1, symphonic orchestra 2,3

Fawnda Burlingame

Dawn Butterfield

"Who's Who Among American High School Students", presidential classroom scholar 3, National English Merit Award 2, hope club 1, honor 4, national honor society 4, swimming 1-3, athletic trainer 4, concert band 1, lab band 1

Nicholas Byroad

Ida Camarillo

Catherine Camery

Kathryn Camisa

April Campbell

sabl/stop 4, spanish club 3,4, peer tutor 1,4, speech/debate 3,4, intramural volleyball 1

Bruce Campbell



Leanne Campbell
Wendy Cannon

football 1, softball 1, 8, captain, 8, all state pitcher 3, state runner-up 3, MVP 3, most RBIs 3, homecoming princess 3, volleyball 1, 2, swimmer 3, TA 1, 2

Kimberly Carlson
Denise Carpenter

saddie stop 1,2, latin club 1-4, secretary 4, national honor society 3,4, foreign language society 3,4, business professionals of america 3,4, TA 1,2, softball 1-3, golf 1-3, softball 1,2

Deanna Caudillo

Vicente Chagoya
speech/debate 2-4, marching band 2-4, pep band 2-4, concert choir 1-3, 1,2, siddie stop 2, Academe team 3, TDA 1

Anthony Chappo

Michael Chapman

Steven Charnetzky

Angel Chavez

Guy Chavez

Jade Chavez

swimming 2,1

Malisa Chavez

Gretchen Circle

Garrett Clough

Cynthia Cochran

legend 2, quill and scroll 2, cheerleading 1-3, pom pon 4, pep club 1-1

Lisa Cohen

John Colburn

soccer 3, TA 2

Misty Coleman

honor roll, Outstanding Youth Award 3, junior miss pageant 3,

hosa 4, girls glee 2,3, concert choir 1

Ricardo Colon

James Connaway

Amy Cosby

honor roll 1-4, swimming 1-4

David Costa

Brandon Cotton

football 3,4 TA 2,4, JROTC 1,2

Richard Cox

1st in state and 3rd in nation for electronics technology 3, vica 1,4, marching band 3,4, TA 2,3 speech debate 2,3, pep band 4

Emily Craighead

"Who's Who Among American High School Students", "The Who's 2, symphonic choir 3,4, foreign language honor society 2,3, girls 2, concert choir 1, academic team 1

Candace Crockett

project at state finalist 2, Martin Luther King essay contest winner 3, symphonic orchestra 2, key club 1,2, cross country 4, basketball 2

James Crowley

"Flowers for Algernon" 3, "Bad Seed" 4, academic teams 2-4, national honor society 3,4,foreign language honor society 3,4

Matthew Cunningham

Tonya Cuppy

pep club 2,3

Eric Curiel

"Who's Who Among American High School Students", Hoosier Boys State 3, academic teams 3,4, national honor society 3,4, foreign language honor society 2, peer tutor 3,4

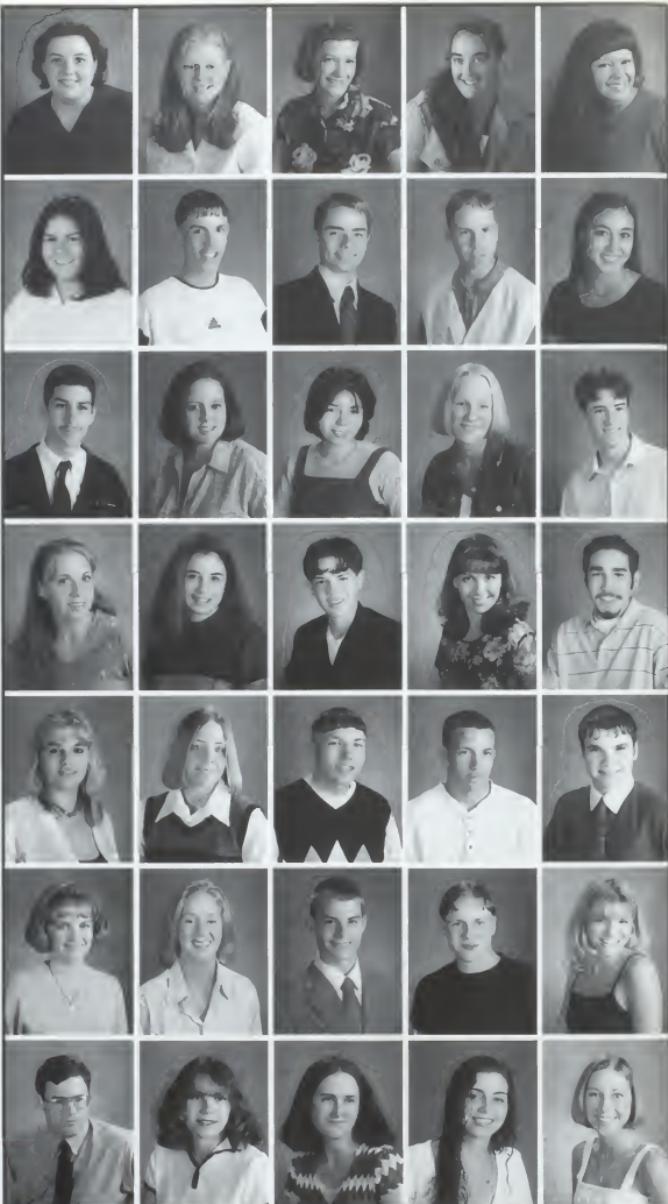
Carlie D'Aloisio

Carl Daniel

Sabrina Davis

french club 2, art club 2

Ashlie DeHaven



Evan Evans
David Fadely

football 1-4

Joseph Falck

Dale Fancher III

(baseball 1-4, track 3, wrestling 1-4)

Alice Farr

French 2, Spanish 2, choir 1, girls' golf 2-4



Jennifer Fekete

Jason Fields

Jonah Fields

Rachel Fink

Ryan Fisher

Indoor track 1-4, national honor societies 3-4, tennis 2-4, foreign language honor societies 2-4, chemistry 3-4, golf 1, peer tutor 4, T.A. 1-4



Marisol Flores

T.A. 1-3, girls' golf 2-4, cheerleader 1990-1991, saltdog 3, peer tutor 3

Enrique Fontanez III

Kimberly Ford

Albert Forgus

Timothy Frame



Melissa Fritz

"Who's Who Among American High School Students," legend 4, basketball 1, marching band 1-4, pep band 1-3, jazz band 1-4, symphonic orchestra 2-4, symphonic band 2-4, club hand 11, national honor societies 4, T.A. 4

James Frizzell

Saralyn Fuentes

key clubber of the week, key club 3-4, writer 1, block 3, speech debate 1-3, track 4

Daniel Fulkerson

Adam Gaines

John Garza

T.A. 1

Marcus Gilbert

Mark Gillie

business professionals of america 3-4, T.A. 2-4

Dionne Gingerich

Kevin Goad



Douglas
Blour

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"My hero is
Batman, for his
even handed
distribution of
justice."

Ryan
Mason

1990



" Walt Disney, he
made so many
people's dreams
come true,
including his own!"

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Samuel
Mulvihill

1990



"Mr. Symer, he gave a
talk that convinced me
to quit my bad habits.
He teaches more than
about school in his
class."



Individuals



Arica Gobin
Ricky Goggins Jr

TA 1,4, legend 1,5

Heather Golec

Joe Golez

"Who's Who Among American High School Students" JROTC,
1,4, public affairs officer, rappelling officer, 4, congressional
IDE, track 1,2, soccer club 5,6,7,8,9,10, cross country 1,

Nathan Gonzales



Elisea Gonzalez

Tiffany Gorby

"Who's Who Among American High School Students" special
library 3,4, community 2, drama production 2-4

Jessica Grant

gymnastics 1-4, track 1,4, swimming 1, homecoming court 4, point
piano 4, golf 2, TA 3,4

Bradley Green

"A" honor roll 1-4, student council 1-4, academic team 1,4, national
honors society, TA, foreign language honoree 2-4, student council

Michael Griffith

TA 1,3, tennis committee 1,4, track 1-3

Kortni Grochowski

sadd shop 1,2

Kevin Gross

Adam Gurevitz

Shirin Gutierrez

TA 3

Cheryl Guzikowski

student council 1,4, golf 1-4, "Gospipell" 1, "The War" 2, 3-4
Patent Leather Shoes, Reilly Reflectives 1, key club 3, yearbook 3,
prom committee 3, national honor societies 1-4, academic team 1,2,2,
foreign language honoree 3, science club 2

Tiffania Haburjak

swimming 2, symphonic orchestra 2,3, French club 1, concert
on beats 3, symphonic orchestra 2,3

Allen Hagan

Shane Hale

Rebecca Hall

lettered in track 1-4, lettered in volleyball, patrician awards in
JROTC, JROTC 1,2, basketball 1, track 1-4, volleyball 1-4

Scott Hall



Sean Hannon

Melinda Hansell

tennis 1,3, student council 1,4, legend 3, sadd shop 1

Melissa Hansell

student council 1-2-3, yearbook 1, tennis 1,3, powwow 3, editor 10-11
chart, quill and scroll 1,4, prom committee 3, broadcasting 3

Jon Harbaugh

swimming 1,4, national honor societies 3,4, academic team 3,4, track
1,2, student council 3, student court 3, intramural basketball 1-4

Chana Hart



Eric Harrel

Kelley Lynn Harth

Jesse Harty

Joseph Hatala

Richard Hayes



Cassandra Hendon

National Merit Scholarship Corporation Commended Student, "The
War" 2, saga 4, national honor society 3-4, tennis 1,2, cheerleading
1,2,3, basketball 1,2,3, symphony 1,3,4

Amber Hepner

TA 1,4

Anthony Hernandez

Brian Hernandez

TA 4

Jami Hobbs



What's the

Vicenta Chagoya



1991

"I got a vibrating octopus massager."

Strangest

Kimberly Morgan



1991

"The strangest gift I ever got was seven bottles of hot sauce for my birthday."

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Krista King



1991

"The strangest gift I ever received would be a portable, scented fire extinguisher, this is in case I have the poops."

ever got?

Christina Hodges

attends college at UTA, super kid 1, business professionals of America 4, TA 2, basketball 1-4, manager.

Jimmy Hodges

Amber Holman

helpers 4, pow wow 2-4, saga 4, quill and scroll 3, TA 2-4.

Kimberly Holland

Nicole Honeycutt

Rachel Hood

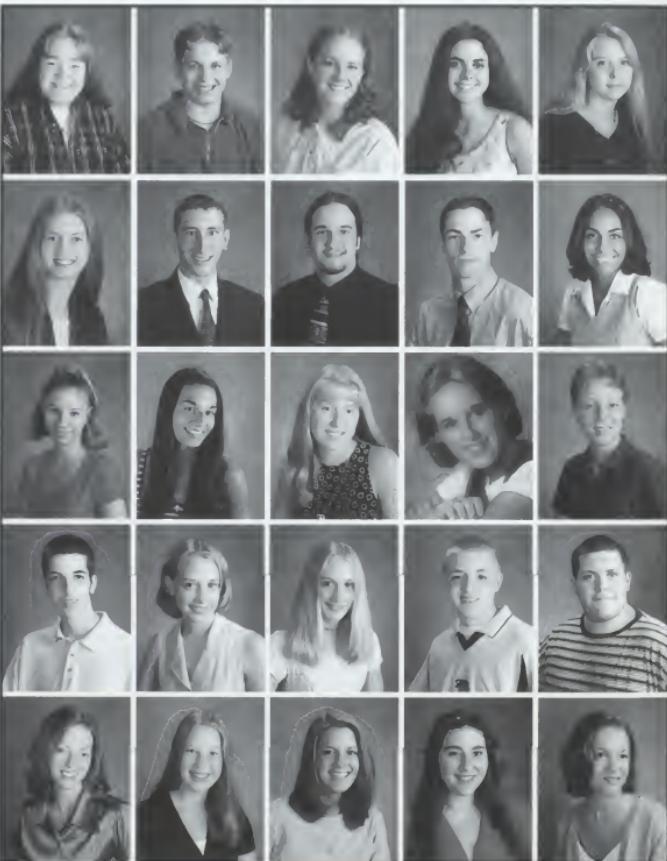
Ryan Horner

Joseph Hudson

Brandon Hughes

Jeanine Ibrahim

second runner up in panier miss, national honor society 3-4, foreign language honor society 2-4, drama club 4, drama troupe 3, homecoming court 3, gymnastics 3, track 1-4, chinese club 3,



Cheresa Jonkman

Robyn Karner

cheerleading 1-3-4, natural helpers 4, TA 1-3, pom-poms 2, swimming 2-3, concert choir 1, girls' glee 2, horse 4

Katie Kawiecki

Kimberly Kehoe

symphonic choir 3, girls' glee 2, speech/drama 3-4, spanish club 1-3, concert choir 1, pep tutor 1, TA 1-4

Heather Kilgore

minor miss finalist, national honor society 3-4, symphonic choir 3-4, girls' glee 2, swimming 2, "The Wiz" 2, cross-country 3,



Individuals



As seniors walk out the doors of Portage High School for their last time, many remember everything they've encountered in the last four years.

As we say goodbye to the 1999 senior class, we are accompanied by the normal feelings of loss that come around this time of the year.

Once again the end of the year has approached us and another graduating class moves on with their lives. After spending four years at Portage High School many wonder what the seniors are thinking as they move out into the real world.

"Portage High School helped me prepare for the future by offering several honors and AP classes. This has allowed me to be better prepared for college. Also some of the leadership skills I learned through student council I will use for life," said senior Cherly Guzikowski.

Written Jennifer Kaiser

Our school has offered classes and clubs to help students get through college and the rest of their lives. "Many of the classes I've taken my senior year have prepared students for the future, in that teachers don't cut students much slack. They make you strive for what you want to prepare you for the real world," senior Ashley Reynolds said.

Others are not anxious to leave high school and their friends behind. "I will miss the wonderful people who I've met as well as the opportunity to compete in high school athletics," said senior Tiffany Stewart.

Having to step up and take the seniors place, are this years juniors. While some may find

this a scary task, others cannot wait to be on top. "I have been looking forward to being a senior since I entered high school. I think that being a senior will be a lot different than being a junior because other students will treat you with more respect and they will look up to you. The only thing I am afraid of is falling on my butt while getting my diploma," junior Janet Fisher said.

Not all juniors are worried about graduation. There are those that just cannot wait to be out of school. "I think being a senior will be the best year of high school because we can look forward to not going to school next year, and everyone else gets to look up to me," junior David Pullen said.

Designed Jennifer Kaiser

Krista King

optional honor societies 1,4; confirmation, confirmation choir, choir/drama 2-4; "D's; Black Parade; Show Choir; Robotics Club 3-4.

Kristin King

optional honor societies 1-4; drama, foreign language, theater, theater, theater club 1-4; optional honor societies 3-4.

Thomas Kirkpatrick

Heidi Kitchen

student council 1-3; TA 1-3; golf, track 1-4; basketball 1-3; optional club 3.

Joseph Klimczyk

Kristofer Komenda

Tizsa Kornafel

Kevin Kosovich

marching band 1-4; jazz band 1-4; saxophone, band 3-4; piano band 3-4; keyboard orchestra 3-4; jazz band 1-2; pep band 1-3; summer band 3; concert orchestra 3; lab band 1-2.

Michael Kramer

baseball, lab 3-4; national honor society 4; TA 1-3; basketball 1-4; tennis 2-4; golf 1-2.

Sarah Kreuger

soccer 2-4; tennis 1-3.

Robert Kriess

Charles Kuntz

Rebecca Lackey

Justin Larkin

Matthew Lasayko

Eric Lee

Jennifer Lehoky

lettered in soccer, soccer 2-4, TA 2-4

Michael Leonard

Tahana Letica



Amanda Lewandowski

Michael Liesch

1-4 captain, basketball 1, , tennis 1, , natural helpers 3, 4, foreign language honor society 3, TA 3, 4

Devon Lilly

Kenneth Livingston

Jennifer Llanos



What's your fave cartoon?



Ashley
Reynolds

1999

"Mickey Mouse, because he is a magical character that brings out the kid in every person: young or old."

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Robert
Berquist

1999

"Simpsons, after many years the creators still have creative idea to make people laugh."

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Nicole
Singer

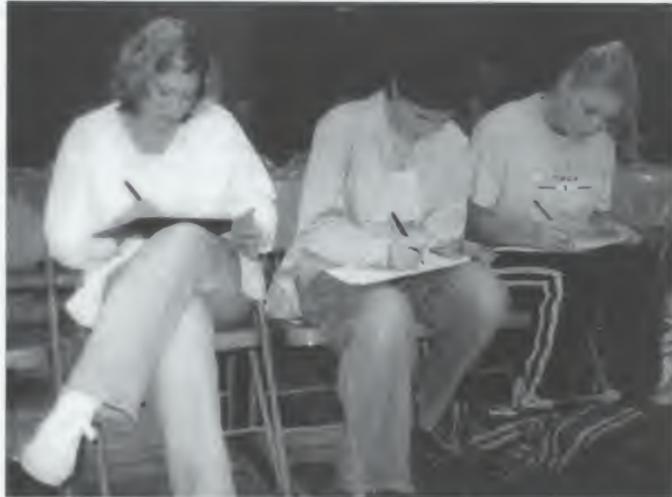
1999

"Scooby-Doo, he rules!"

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In the gymnasium seniors Erin Harrell, Caprice Mateo, and Jessica Grant sign up for the Blood Drive.

This was the 9th annual Blood Drive to be held at Portage High School.



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Cynthia Cochran



1991

"The most pressure in high school doesn't come from your classes or jobs, it comes from other people. Once you learn your priorities and learn who you are, those treasures begin to fade."

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Timothy Frame



1991

"The worst pressure I experienced in high school came from my senior year. I was suddenly forced to figure out what I was going to do with the rest of my life."

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Tiffany Stewart



1991

"Trying to balance athletics with academics is always rough."

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Christina Looney

Jamie Low

Heather Lucas

James Lucas

Michelle Lucas

1991, cheer 1, TA 2/3

Joshua Lusco

JROTC 4, color guard/color sergeant.

Sarah MacMillan

student, band 1-4, section leader 2-4, national honor society 3-4,

pep band 1-4, art 3-4, concert band 1-2, symphonic band 3-4

Leonard Macy

Donald Magee III

Samantha Mahoney

Jacinda Mardis

1991, band 1

Kenneth Markos

Catherine Marsh

Laura Martinez

Robert Martinie

James Martus

Joshua Marvel

Ryan Mason

student, band 1-4, tennis 1-4, captain, MVP, all-around athlete, track 1-4, president, national helpers 3-4, president, foreign language honor society 2-4, national honor society 3-4,

Cassandra Mateo

National Merit Semifinalist, soccer 2-4, national honor society 3-4, president, national helpers 3-4, chess club 3-4, foreign language honor society 2-4, student council 3-4, speech debate 2-3, track 1, 2

Kari Mayerik

Richard Mayerik

student, band 1-4, pep band 1-4, academic team 2-4, TA 1A, tennis 1-4, 2nd place, 1A, 3rd place, 2A

Erica Mayfield

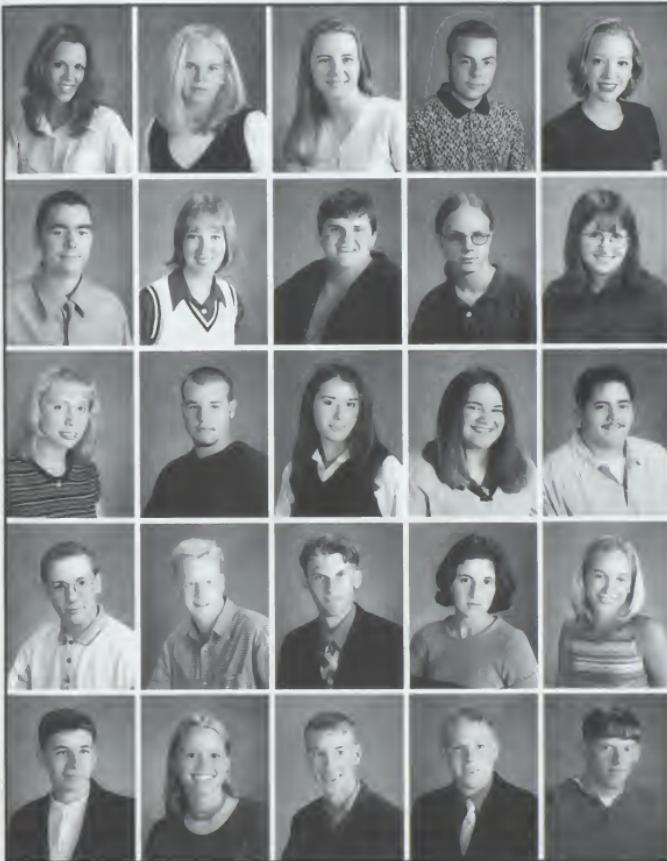
Benjamin McBroom

golf 3-4, TA 2A,

Patrick McGlothlen

soccer 1-4, captain, TA 1A

Kevin McGuffey



Jessica McKee
Amber McKiddy

president 3, pep band 1, concert orchestra 1, piano committee 3, drama productions 2-4, cheerleader 2-3, student council 1

Tracy McNeiley
"Who's Who Among American High School Students", honor roll, news bureau 3, editor 4, quill and scroll 3, volleyball 1, TA 3-4

Christine McQueary
Adam Medved

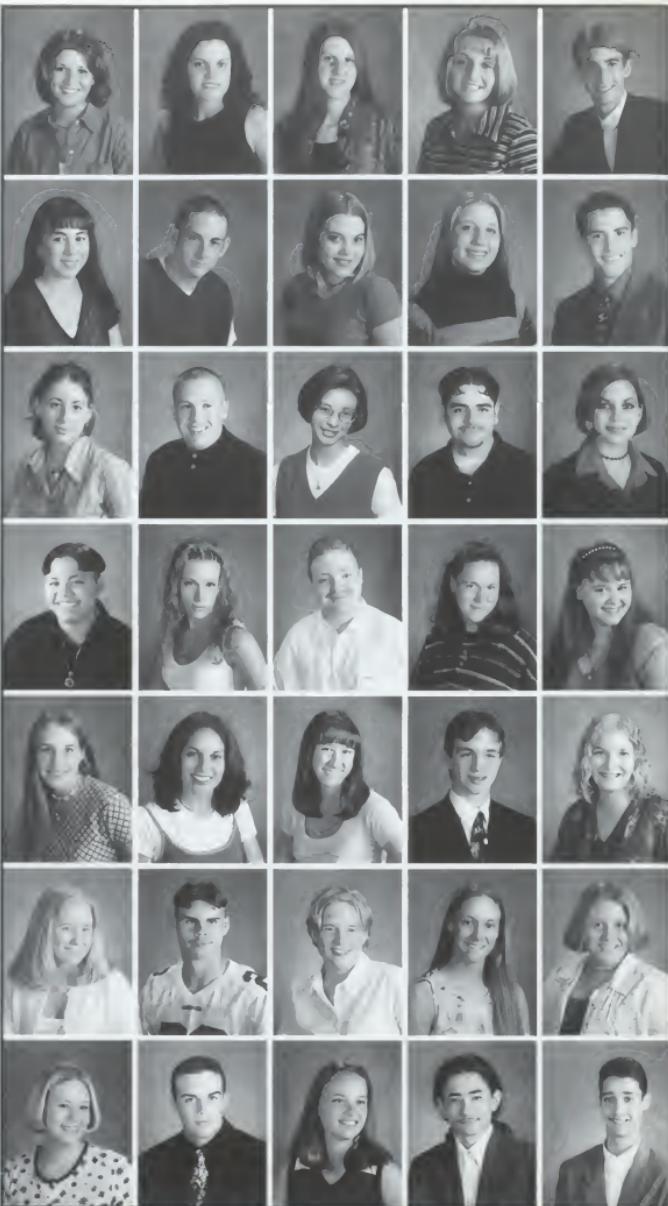
Celina Mendoza

Jeffrey Merrill

Traci Miedema

Amber Mills

Thomas Modesto



Briana Monette
Gregory Monnier
Kimberly Morgan

student council 4, track 4, symphony band 4

Jose Munguia-Arias
Elizabeth Munoz

foreign language honor society 3, 6, 10, 11, 12, switching manager, symphony, orchestra 1, FA 1-2, cross country 1-3

Gina Munoz
Shanna Murch
Timothy Murphy
Angela Murray
Krista Marie Napier

JROTC 1-2, concert 1-4, girls golf 2

Amy Nelson

academic letter, flute band 1-3-4, swimming 1-3, art club secretary 4, national honor society 3-4, latins club 1-4, concert orchestra 1

Nicole Nemeth
piano 3-4, TA 3, TA 3-4

Valerie Nestorovich
cheerleading 2-3, national honor society 3-4, foreign language honor societies 2-4, latins club 1-2, symphony orchestra 1-2, girls golf 1

James Newbeck III
Susan Newlin

Teresa Nichols
Dallas Nicklas

Stephanie Niemcewicz

academic letter, women's lacrosse 1, honor roll 1-4, letters diploma, student council 1-3, girl's basketball 1, switching honor society 3-4, swimming 1-4, aptans 2-4, TA 2-4

Becky Nusbaum
Shannon O'Connor

Stephanie O'Connor
pepperdine 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, president, letterman 3-4, cheerleading 3-4, captain 3-4

Harold O'Rourke

track and field 3, TA 4, basketball 1, girls basketball manager 2

Kimberly Ogden

legoland 3-4, soccer 3-4

Christopher Opolski
Moises Otero

marching band 2-4, pep band 1-3



Kenny Palmer
Nicole Papp
Melissa Parker
John Paskovich
intramural basketball 4
Christopher Pauley
football 1-2, track 1-4, TA 1-4



Joseph Paunicka
Eric Perez
Jeremy Perrine
Lindsay Perrine
concert orchestra 1-2, peer tutor 3, marching band 8, business professionals of america 4
Chadwick Peyton



Richard Piazza
intramural basketball 3, concert orchestra 1-2, sophomore year choir 3-4
Amanda Pirowski
student council 1-3, symphonic orchestra 2-3, pom pons 2-4 captain, piano committee 3, drama productions 1-3, honor roll 1-4
Jonathan Pollard
Amanda Potts

saga 3-4, cheerleader 1-4, softball 1-4, track 1-4, concert choir 1-4, symphonic choir 1-4



Tami Potts
academy letter 3-4, chinese club 3-4, national honor society 3-4, volleyball 1-4 captain, foreign language honor society 2-4
Daniel Prendergast
academy letter 3-4, foreign language honor society 3, baseball manager 2-4
Julie Racich
Stefanie Ragon
national honor society 3-4, symphonic choir 3-4
Michael Ramian
peer tutor 2, piano 1-4, vocal 1-4, TA 4, baseball 1-4
Trisha Ramon



Timothy Raupach
Andrew Reed
"The Odd Couple" 2, speech/debate 3-4, powwow 3, news bureau 2, writer's block 2
Rachael Reed
peer tutor 3, TA 4
Joshua Reeves
jazz 1-2, powwow 1-4, TA 4, baseball 1-4
Matthew Renner



Strolling through the hallway, senior Amy Nelson gazes at the pictures displayed on the walls. Photography classes hung their pictures for the school to see throughout the school year.

Photographer: Melisa Faria

Cheryl Revoir**Ashley Reynolds**

cheerleading 1-3, student council 1-4 president, national honor society 3,4, pep club 1-3 president, FCA 1,2, cheerleaders 1,2, prom committee 3, symphonic choir 2, girls golf 1, drama production 1,3, TA 3,4

Jennifer Riffle**Paul Robertson**

wrestling 1-4, marching band 1-3, football manager 1,2,4, baseball manager 1, softball manager 3, intramural softball 3, concert band 2,3, TA 1-4, lab band 1,1,4

Joseph Rodarte**Jillian Rodriguez****Richard Rodriguez****Tricia Rogala**

saddie stop 1-4 president, intramural volleyball 1, honors diploma, perfect attendance award

Jennifer Rosendaul**Brian Ruch**

national honor society 4

Jennifer Sabovcik

lab band 1,1,1, symphonic band 2-4, science club 2, TA 1,2

Andrea Salazar**Marc Samardzija**

academic letter 3,4, football 1-3, football varsity letter 2, wrestling 2-4, wrestling varsity letter 2-4, student council 2-4, student court 3, intramural basketball 2-4, intramural softball 3,4

Jessica Sandor**David Sarkkinen****Sarah Sasseville**

natural helpers 3,4, TA 2, concert choir 1,2, girls golf 1,3

Andrew Sawyer

foreign language honor society 3,4, TA 4

Cristina Schmal

"Flowers for Algernon" 1, book 4

Jennifer Schmitz**Adam Scholz****Jeremy Schramm****Michael Schramm**

JROTC 1-4, platoon sergeant, drill team, winter's block 2,3, TA 1,3

Michael Schultz**Kristin Scribner**

concert band 2,3, lab band 1,1

James Selvage

golf 1-4 captain, concert orchestra 1, symphonic orchestra 2

Dusk Sheaks

football 1

Peggy Shelton

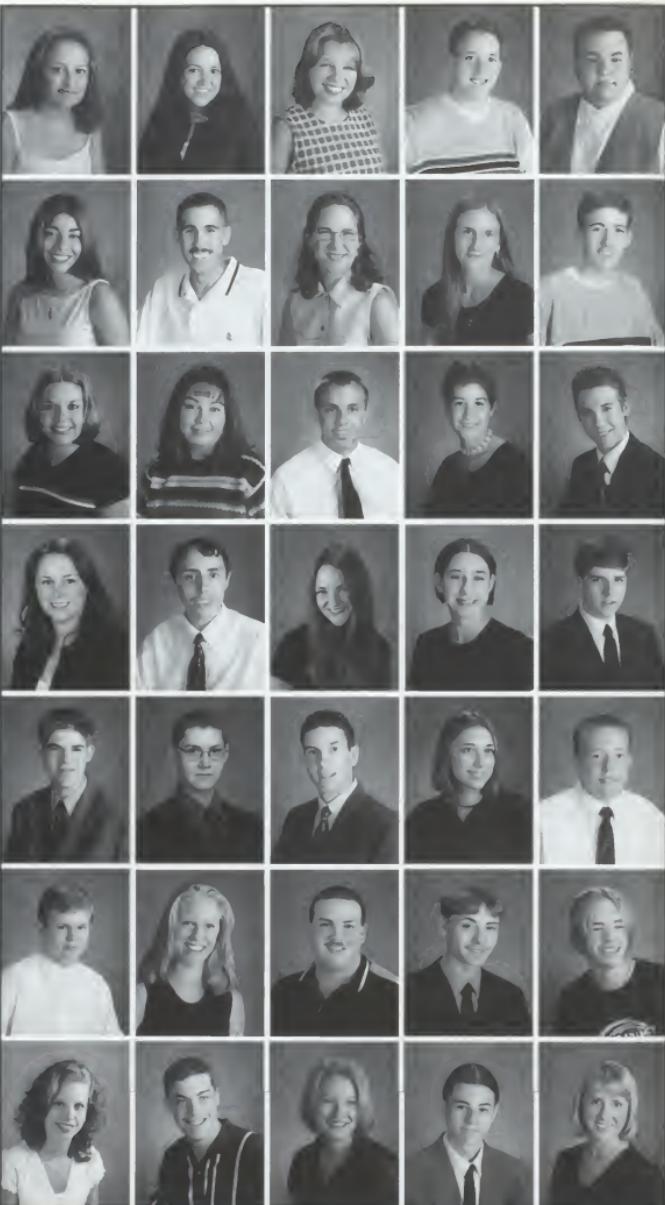
marching band 1-4, pep band 1-3, concert band 3, symphonic band 4, lab band 1,1, concert orchestra 3, symphonic orchestra 4, TA 3,4, business professionals of america 3,4, yearbook 1,3,4, captain

Chad Shewmaker**Justin Siemon****Jason Simcox****Stephanie Simons****Daniel Sims****Nicole Singer**

business professionals of america 3,4 secretary, speech & debate 2, secretary 3, concert choir 1,

Michael Sipich**Andrea Skafish**

theatrics 2-4, co-president, national honor society 3,4, chimes club 3,4, foreign language honor society 2, musical choreographer 1-4, student court 2-4, judicial council 4, junior manager 1,2,3,4, promcourt 3, latin club 1

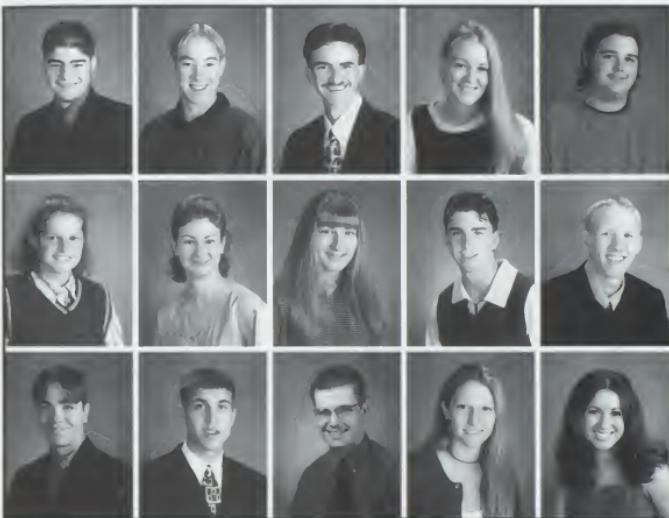




While he ties his
shoe senior Enrique
Fontanez III takes a
break from the
pressures of high
school. Students
are often seen in
the mornings
sitting around their
locker and studying
or chatting.

Photograph by Kimberly Oyden

Pete Skoutaris
Bryan Slatton
Jeffrey Smith
Kelly Smith
Kyle Smith



Melissa Smith
soccer 1-4, saddle/stop 1, hosta 3, national honor society 3,4, basketball 1,2, track 1-4, concert band 1
Pamela Smith
track 1-4, saddle/stop 2-4, basketball 1,2, concert band 2, lab band II 1,
Kari Snoder
super led 1,2, "Who's Who Among High School Students?" 1,2,
intramural softball 1, pep band 1-4, concert band 2,3, lab band II 1
Adam Snuffer
David Soltyse

Craig Stafford
marching band 1-4, percussion leader 2-4, lab band 3,4, track 2,
symphonic orchestra 2, track 2, soccer 1, concert orchestra 1
Brian Stanish
Anthony Stanley
Mandy Stanton
Michelle Steege

Senior Mandy ~
Stanton prepares
for her part in the
play "Bad Seed".
Stanton played
Mrs. Penmark, the
mother, in this
years fall play.

Photograph: Melissa Fritz





At the D.A.C. cross country meet, senior Michael Griffith receives a handshake and an award from Principal Richard Kirchner. Griffith has been in cross country and track since his freshman year.

**Genia Steininger
Belinda Stepnowski**

Who's Who Among American High School Students - National English-Merit award, national honor society 3/4, foreign language honor society 3, peer tutor 1,2, writer's block 2, marching band 1.

Eric Stevenson

Tiffany Stewart

thespians 4 vice president, drama productions 1-4, community 1, math 3, national honor society 3/4, symphonette 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,2, foreign language honor society 2-4, gommathe 1,4,captain.

Kevin Stout

honors diploma, basketball 1-4, tennis 2,4, baseball 1,2,T3,4, national honor society 4

Stephanie Sulcer

Tiffany Surer

Eric Swanson

Joshua Swindle

Brian Talley



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**"Hey fly honey,
want a taco?"**

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**"Are you hurt,
because you must
have fallen from
heaven."**

1999

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**"Do you sleep on
your stomach?
Can I?"**

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Dana Tarin
Joseph Tarin
JROTC 1-4, commanding officer 3-4, assistant 2, track 3
Robert Taylor
Ryan Teague
Kristina Teso



Michael Tesseneer
Sara Thatcher
James Thomas III
TA 1-4, science club 2-3, peer tutor 2-4, swimming 2-4, academic team 3-4
Terrance Thompson
Danyela Toczek
saddletrap 3, business professionals of america 2, super kid, vocational certificate of achievement



Daniel Tomes
senior class president, all disoland conference, student council 3-4, soccer 1-4 captain
Pamela Tomeczak

Paul Torchia
JROTC 1-4, colorguard, national honor society 3-4, football 1-2, involvement 1, foreign language honor society 3

Alex Torres
soccer 1-4, track 1-2, basketball 1
David Torres

James Torres
track 3-4

Cynthia Torrez
Phillip Treece Jr.
Justin Tucker
Benjamin Tungol



Piper Van Santen
academic letter 3-4, pep club 1-3 treasurer, track 1, peer tutor 3, national honor society 3-4, prom committee 3, gommie 1-4, homecoming court 3-4, chess club 3

Donald Vanderploeg
intramural basketball 1
Yvette Vasquez
loua 4, tennis 1-3
Michelle Vaught
Michael Vega



Photograph: Kimberly O'Brien

At the Winter homecoming pep rally, seniors Michael Kramer, Michael Romain and Roger O'Kourke perform Beastie Boys Intergalactic. Students performed skits, had contests or showed their spirit by showing up for pep rally's.

Monica Vega

prom queen, pep rally 1,2, gymnasium 1, pom poms 1,2,

Lester Vittorio

"Campbell 1," "The War" 2, pom poms 4, athletic trainer 3,TA 3,

concert choir 1, marching band 1, pep band 1.

Ryan Wall

Courtney Wallace

tennis 1,2

Jeremy Wallace

Kevin Wallskog

"Bad Seed" 4, student council 3,4, national honor society 4,

student council 3,4, symphonic orchestra 1-3, french club 1-4,

academic teams 4, speech/debate 3,4

Jessica Walstra

Sally Walton

Kathleen Wampler

cross country 1-4, gymnastics 3,4, track 3,2,

Heidi Warona

Nicole Warwick

track 1-4, cross country 1-3, pom poms 3,4 captain, basketball 1,

intramural volleyball 3,TA 3-4

Evan Wasilewski

Nicholas Wayne

candice weinman

cross country 1, tennis 1-3

Robert Wells

Aaron West

basketball 1, football 1-3

Amber Wherry

concert band 2,3, TA 1-3

Erin Widig

swimming 1,2, peer tutor 1

Patrick Wilkins

soccer 1, wrestling 1-4, intramural softball 3,4



Photograph: Melissa Fritz

Winter homecoming king senior David Costa receives a congratulatory hug from senior Nicole Warwick. Warwick was crowned this years homecoming queen.

In the hood of his Volvo, senior Micah Bornstein checks his reflection before school. Students hung out by their cars in the parking lot before and after school.



Candice Williams

Scot Wilson

basketball 1-4; captain 3-4; football 1-2; homecoming court 1

Jessica Wireman

Jacob Wood

homework diploma 1-3; soccer 3; symphony orchestra 4

Nicole Wright

JROTC 1-2; TA 4; wrestling madam 1

Erica Yates

Amy Zaragoza

Jeffery Zeha

academic letter, top 20th out of class; honor diploma, academic 1

state, cross country 1-4; track 1-4; captain, national honor society 3-4,

symphony orchestra 2; foreign language honor society 3-4,

Brian Zingo

matching hand 1-4; section leader, therapans 3-4; president, "horrible" 4; symphony choir 3-4; pep band 1-4; jazz band 1 1/4; jazz band II 2; concert band 1-4; concert orchestra 2-4;

Deanna Zych

academic letter 2; national honor society 3-4; symphony choir 1-4; vice

president, the spans 1-4; secretary, drama production 2-4; cheerleaders 3-4; symphony band 2-4; concert band 1-4; jazz band I 2, 3; jazz band II 2,



Photograph Jennifer Kaiser

UPPER: Senior James Crowley prepares for the fall play "Bad Seed" in his old man costume.

MIDDLE: Giving a battle cry, senior Thomas Modesto performs a skit about the upcoming football game

LOWER: Tennis conditioning leader senior Rachel Fink demonstrates the steps for the aerobic workout. Conditioning was held every Monday through Thursday in the commons.

Midterm graduation gives seniors more opportunity and time to plan their futures.

In rows of two, one by one, they take their seats in the auditorium with big smiles on their faces and with the sound of cheers all around them.

It is that time of year again, Midterm graduation. The senior moment in the lime light. The auditorium grew louder and louder with the cheers of congratulations as each senior went up to the lectern to receive the long awaited, golden opportunity to really step out and begin their lives with their diplomas.

However, for most graduates it was a time to kick back, relax, and enjoy their day to shine. Of course, there was the always popular "I hope I don't fall" fear going around. Some other things running through their minds were little things like "Shake with right hand, grab with left hand," said by senior Chrisfer Opolski. Little things that they would use in order to dodge making a fool of themselves in front of all their peers and parents.

Many seniors graduate midterm in order to get a head start at colleges or jobs. Others graduate early because they

have no real reason to stay in school any longer. They met all their requirements early and have no reason to take anymore classes. "I graduated midterm because I didn't have any other classes that I needed to take," said senior Mindy Hansell. On the other hand, many students have a pretty good idea of what they are going to do with their future and have thought through their future plans. "I'm going to go to Robert Morris College in Chicago for graphic designing," said senior Kimberly Ogden.

Either way it is safe to say that the majority of these "former" seniors were happy to graduate from high school. "Yes, I'm done!" said senior Steven Dujimovich. Other comments were, "Thank God it's over with. I'm really looking forward to sleeping more," said senior Tiffany Surer.

Graduation is just one step compared to the many more the seniors will have to face. Each individual going their separate ways to attempt to make it out there in their in the real world. Best of luck to the Seniors of 1999!

Written and Designed Elizabeth Batista



Photograph Letitia Gray

After she receives her diploma, senior Sarah Chase walks back to her row and takes her seat along with her fellow graduates.

The senior class president Daniel Tomes gives a speech to help encourage his fellow seniors on their future plans in life.



Photograph Letitia Gray



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In row two, senior Patricia Duarte stands and begins to walk up to go and receive her diploma.

The senior class talks among themselves as they are seated and await their speaker.



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At the lecturn Mr. Richard Kirchner speaks to the seniors about their future and what to look forward to.

Her time has finally come. Senior Stefanie Ragon receives her diploma from Assistant Superintendent Mr. Terrance Levenda.

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In the auditorium junior Daniel Lewis sleeps during the ISTEP retakes. Most students slept the few minutes they had left after taking it.

Before school, junior Joseelyn Strom joins the annual "See You At The Pole". Over the past few years, this circle has become more popular to everyone.



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Jennifer Abbott
Allison Adams
April Akino
Rainier Alcantara
Jeremy Alexander
Ruben Alcea
Sarah Aleman
Stephanie Althen

Sara Anders
Jennifer Andrews
Matthew Andryuk
John Antecki
David Aponte
Stacy Babjak
Nicole Bacso
Jessica Balakur

Brian Ball
Richard Banke
Christina Barajas
Danielle Barnett
Amy Barwig
Elizabeth Batista
Paul Bauer
Enika Beal

Michelle Bellar
Karen Belsha
Anthony Benefiel
Lindsey Benninger
Shawn Berryman
Thomas Bingham
Emily Blanchard
Michelle Blank



Joseph Blumens
Cynthia Bodnar
Valerie Borg
Nealli Boruff
David Brajcik
Scott Brammer
Samuel Bravo
Ryan Brewster

Meredith Breyfogle
Kerriese Britten
Eric Brown
Daniel Brubaker
Heather Bruton
Robert Bundy
Dilerry Buerger
Crystal Burch

Christopher Burton
Lakisha Busch
Jennifer Byroad
Brian Campinas
Tara Campinas
Vance Cardin
Aimee Carmo
Eric Carpenter

Candise Carter
Tiffany Castagna
Tammy Chadwick
Kenneth Cheney
Sarah Chidlers
Christopher Childs
Jennifer Chubbs
Danielle Cieselski

Dennis Cimbaljevic
Natalie Cleary
Jonathan Clever
Tracy Cobb
Michael Cohen
Amber Collette
Stephanie Colunga
Jaime Conn

Shaun Connelly
Ilisa Conover
Brad Copeland
Michefa Cornejo
Inrone Corose
Danielle Coyne
Eileen Draughnhead
Matthew Cronch



2000

Matthew Welches

"My favorite childhood game was Monopoly because I have an enormous lust for money."



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2000

Diane Zeni

"My favorite childhood game was hide and go seek because it was a game played with many people."

What was one of your favorite childhood games? Why?

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Meredith Breyfogle

"One of my favorite games was Red Rover because the guys thought girls couldn't break through and liked to yell them hideous names."



Photograph by Jennifer Kline



Photograph by Jennifer Kline

2000

Krystal Levali

"My favorite game would be spin the bottle because it gave the not-so-attractive girl chance to kiss the cute guy."

2000
Shannon Sandlin

"would make it so all guys would be way more understanding"



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2000

Susie Fogle

"would make it so they would be able to take some babe."



2000

Xavier Mendez

"would change their attitude because girls think guys are so bad and they always yell at you for things you forget"



Photograph by Jennifer Weller

2000

Matthew Whitver

"I would make it so girls would drop that attitude they always seem to have."



Shannah Crotts
Bethanie Cruz
Kelsy Cummins
Jessica Dunn
Danielle Estill
Kristin Farske
Brian Gammell
Christina Davell

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Aaron Dewitt
Nicole Diaz
Jennifer Dixon
Melanie Dobson
Kenneth Draves
Connie Dudley
Kyle Dunn

Riley Ellifson
John Durfee
Heidi Durkin
John Durr
Samantha Edmond
Edward Egedenfor
Carlos Escalabazeta
Chad Ellington

Anna Escobar
Angela Espinoza
Nicole Everett
Sarah Eyermann
Kristen Falardeau
Matthew Farmer
Yecenia Feliz
Erin Fitzgerald

Aaron Foreman
Katie Foster
Matthew Francis
Desiree Franco
Minaleisa Frechette
Erin Furnish
William Ganner
Katherine Garms

Chantay Garwood
Daniela Gazbarza
Dale Gebert
Nicholas George
Amie Giesler
Angela Gish
Kristian Glancy
Jeremy Goins





Letitia Gray
Macy Great
Meredith Greek
Krisis Henshall
Kasey Howell
Kevyn Jaffy
Alexander Johnson
Brandon Johnson

Tiffany Hagen
Michael Halaschak
Amy Hall
Jennifer Hallinan
Brendan Halpin
Diana Hanacek
Knity Hawkins
David Harvoth

Amy Hawkins
Patricia Hedgepeth
Jack Hefright
Emily Henke
Darryl Henmon
Vincent Hernandez
Jennifer Hertaus
Christopher Hicks

Bud Hinckley
Denisa Hobgood
Melinda Holland
Carol Holloway
Scott Holtzman
Bryan Homan
Steffanie House
Lindy Howard

John Hnatos
Alannah Hulse
Emily Hunt
Lursia Hunt
Matthew Hutchins
Angelina Ivanovic
Katherine Ivey
Amanda Jamieison

Carmie Javarka
Amber Johnson
Ryan Johnston
Christopher Jones
Karen Jones
April Jongasma
James Jordan
Fred Joseph

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After a hiking trip at Deep River Park junior Letitia Gray became stuck in a thorn bush. Hiking with friends has become popular over the years.

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Together in photography, junior Chris Niloff and sophomore Danelle Ibrahim work on photographs. This class has grown for the past few years.

In the commons
Juniors Diana Haniacek
and Angela Gish enjoy a
cold pop. Most
students sit in the
commons before and
after school.



Photograph Katherine Carris

*At the DAC cross
country meet, junior
Steve Samuel receives
a ribbon after racing a
4K. The seven varsity
runners made it into
the top twelve.*



Jennifer Jolliff
James Kalman
Aaron Kalman
Jaletta Kalman
Janeen Kamel
Bethany Kane
William Kanist
Eric Keich

Cameron Kelly-Johnson
Eric Kemp
Kathryn Kester
James Kinnoch Jr
Benjamin Kirsh
Kelly Kirk
Amber Kirkpatrick
Jason Kish

John Kish
Natalie Kitchen
Christopher Klechner
Holly Kingsmith
Aaron Klinger
Joseph Kobylanski
Gina Koemann
Gregory Koons

David Korbal
Joseph Kornafel
Roxanne Krieg
Stephanie Krmak
Nicholas Kujawa
Steven Kunch
Cory Land
Jason Lavender

Angela Lazar
Tabitha Lee
Tiffany Lee
Shauna Lee
James Leon
Krystall Leveai
Bian Lewandowski
Dwuglas Lewandowski

Anthony Line
Randon Lingenfelter
Dustin Littlefield
Alexander Lo
Erica Lo
Julie Lochmondy
Lisa Lombardi
Stephen Lovings



2000

Micheal Osilzlo
“would be stranded
with my girlfriend
because what's the fun
in being alone with a guy”



2000

Amanda McKenzie
“would have been
stranded with Tomi
cruise because he has
such beautiful eyes”

If you could be stranded on an island with anyone who would it be? Why?

2000

Denisa Hobgood

“would be stranded with
Tim because he is my
boyfriend. Of course
I would want to be
stranded with him”



2000

Chad Smolar

“would be stranded
with Carmen Electra
because she could save
me if I was drowning”



Tommy Low
Donald Ulbeck
Della Juedtke
Kevin Liedlman
Laune Luma
Vince Lusk
Karin Lyshøj
Matthew Mahn

Aasia Malik
Amanda Mangual
Shawn Marjanian
Izop Markovich
Ricky Martin
Richard Martinez
Jessica Marvel
Aaron Massow

Karla Matthews
Nicholas Maxwell
Sarah May
Kelli Maynard
Nathaniel Mazur
James McFarlane
Kimberly McGee
Kimberly McGinnis

After a cross
country race, juniors
Carrie Rake and Amy
Wright eat apples.
Many runners eat
after the race to
become energized.

Photograph Katherine Garris



Shawn McQuaid
Amanda McQuaid
Mark McQuaid
Megan McLeod
Rhonda McQuerry
Ryan Melton
Marina Mendez
Xavier Mendez

Alison Merkner
Christopher Messer
Christopher Mihal
James Miles
Laura Montgomery
Frank Monteleone
Aubreenee Montrose
Krystal Morgan

Jenniffer Morrissey
Ali Muhammad
Lilacard Muhammad
Gregory Munoz
Connie Munoz
Carla Munsch
Justin Murphy
Daniel Nemeth

Gen Newsum
Julia Niksch
David Nloff
Erin Nolan
Mary Nolan
Laassandra Ogden
Brian Oldham
James Oliver Jr.

Michael Oslizic
Thomas Pappas
Chasidy Parks
Inias Patrice
Jasen Paulsen
Minutine Paumka
Allison Peda
Michael Peek

Michael Peete
Eshana Pelet
Ziomara Pena
Cassandra Pendleton
Christopher Perrine
Julie Peters
Patricia Peyton
Michele Piorkoski



2000
Charles Yermack

"would want to go to Hawaii. It is so beautiful with the blue ocean and the white sand it would be perfect."



Photograph by Jamie Walker

2000
Erica Lo

"would be transported to Florida. I like the beach down there."



If you could be transported anywhere in the world right now where would it be? Why?

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Jessica Wayte

"would be transported to Germany because its so cool"



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2000
Shane Setnor

"would be transported to an island with Brian Balling and Matt Whitmer"



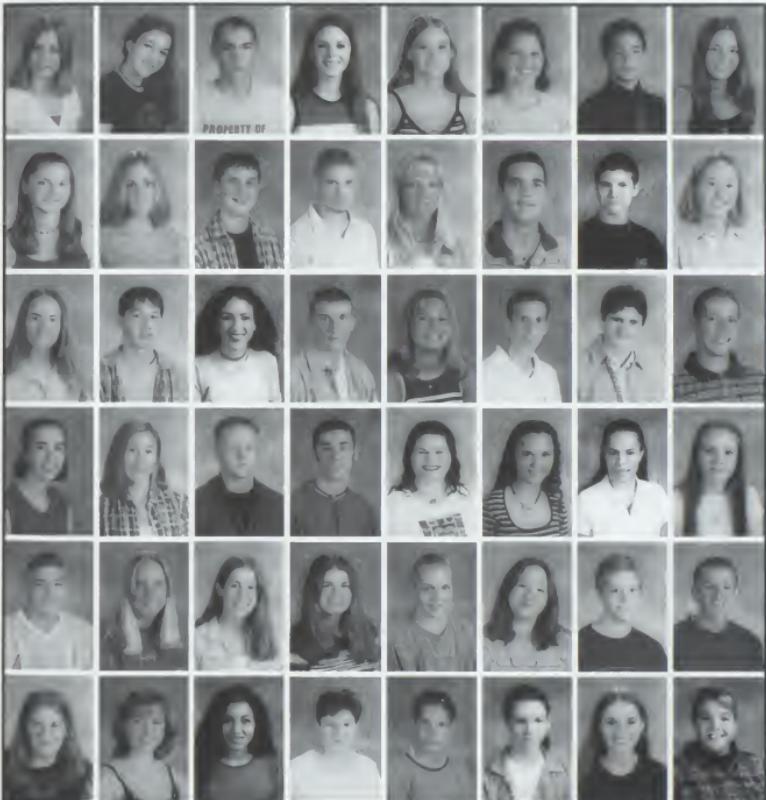
Top Ten

1. You are definitely one year away from the graduation ceremony.
2. Prom is controlled solely by you.
3. Your SAT's and ACT's are not just optional anymore.
4. School spirit is not in your official description.
5. You officially have the title "upperclassman".

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6. You have a couple more chances to pass the ISTEP.
7. Make an effort to look up graduation requirements.
8. Knowing how to defend yourself in the parking lot.
9. Counselors think college is actually important.
10. By now you have figured out Nacho Beef Ole' is the supreme meal.



Rachel Flickinger
Megan Paddington
Matthew Pfehl
Amanda Pilipovik
Janice Place
Kelly Pokorney
Julian Pomales
Lyndsay Ponda

Jill Polakajik
Stephanie Price
Aaron Press
David Pullen
Tame Rake
Sean Reiley
William Reid
Jennica Rhea

Jennifer Rhodus
Eric Roche
Kelly Riggs
Leanne Riley
Mallie Rostch
Jason Ritter
Cory Robbins
Jason Robbins

Angela Roberto
Nessna Robertson
Jeremy Robinson
Nicholas Rodgers
Chanty Rodriguez
Crystal Rodriguez
Reagan Rodriguez
Heather Roger

Edward Roman
Christine Roth
Jaclyn Ruebeniam
Theresa Russel
James Rutledge
Tressia Sabo
Marie Salyer
Steven Samuel

Carrie Sanders
Shannon Sandlin
Abigail Santiago
Tracie Sapkaroski
Elinnora Sapcone
Anthony Scalone
Rebecca Schmidt
Rusti Schnele

2000
Kevin Luellman

"The one item I couldn't live without would be my car, because I am always going places."



Photograph by Jamie Wolfe



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2000

Rhonda McQuerry

"The one item I couldn't live without would be my computer because it is my link to the outside world."

What is one item you couldn't live without? WLM?

2000
Jessica Marvel

"Couldn't live without coffee because I live the taste and the caffeine in it."



Photograph by Jamie Wolfe



Photograph by Jennifer Kiser

2000

Sarah May

"The first item I need is my laptop; without it I would have to type everything by hand."

Christina Snowe

Kachel Stetson

Shane Stetson

Ryan Shaw

Dennis Shea

Amber Shebesh

Ryan Shippert

Brandi Sholar

Jacob Shreve

Jara Simmons

Cheryl Simun

Kimberly Sisk

Neil Sly

Angeli Smith

Bryon Smith

Tiffany Snoder

Julie Sokol

Pierre Sosa

Justin Sparks

Lea Stanley

Tim Steckel

Wiselyn Strom

James Sullivan

Nicole Sweat

Amber Switzer

Jordan Tarpley

Michael Tarrant

Aaron Tarry

Scott Taylor

Kari Tharp

John Thomas

Jillie Thomas

Michelle Thompson

Peter Timpe

Amber Tolliver

Lisa Torrelli

Christopher Trajkoski

Irene Trapper

Joanna Trathen

Gary Tuface

Albert Tuguran

Tony Umer

Monica Tykra

Rachel Valjeo

Megan Van Aken

Eric Vancleef

Jamie Vickrey

Ricardo Viera



Aimee Villanueva
Leaher Vondracek
Joseph Voye III
Eliason Vraska
Michael Wade
Eric Walker
Amanda Walchowicz
Valerie Warner

Leanne Waters Jr.
April Watson
Sarah Watson
Jessica Wayte
Cora Webster
Michael Wehner
Matthew Welchima
Nathan White

Matthew Whitver
Rebecca Widing
Meredith Wilburn
Martingue Wilkins
Derek Williams
Jeffrey Williams
Kelle Wininger
Jehua Webby

Mark Wiseman
Jamie Wolfe
Amy Wright
Joshua Wright
Charles Yermack
Chad York
Natalie Yudt
Tracy Zagana

Diane Zeno
Jolena Zervos



2000

Ellen Craighead
“The most dangerous thing I have done is go white water rafting. I was thrown out of the raft, and sent through the rapids myself.”



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2000

Shamiah Carol
“I went on The Great Drop because my best friend made me and I almost died of a heart attack.”

What is the most dangerous thing you have done? Why?

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Stephanie Kinnakis
“I was going to DC and I was driving through the mountains, there was no rail, a semi came flying around and nearly knocked the car off.”



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2000

Jason Ritter
“Going down Niagara Falls in a barrel. I got a huge wedge.”

With a smile,
Diane Zenci
receives applause
from the crowd.
Zenci was named
Junior Miss.

As Hollie
Hufstetler faces
the crowd,
Crystal Greenwell
gives her
an introduction.



Photograph by Mark J. Karmel



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Contestants
compete in
the poise
competition.
During this phase
the contestants
were escorted by
fellow peers.



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Junior Girls give thier all in competition for scholarships and awards.

If all starts with dedicated girls who want to show their talents, and ends with tough decisions that narrow the relatively small group down to only a few.

The journey to the competition begins in May when a photo is taken of each girl who plans to participate. The girls move on to the competition after they spend three weeks preparing. Throughout the three nights the girls compete in different areas to determine the finalists.

Areas of competition include individual talent performance, group performances, formal

presentation, an interview/poise competition and physical fitness. Awards were given in each area.

As the judges critique each area of competition, they look for certain qualities which are expected in the winner. "The campaign is morality, integrity, honesty, respect, hope, and love," senior Andrea Skafish said.

Each girl has her own memory of the three weeks spent preparing for the competition. "Junior Miss is an awesome experience," junior Rachel Vallejo said. "It's something every junior girl should do."

To add to the excitement of the competition, theater director, Mr. Stevens, was honored for his relentless work in the theater department and the junior miss program. In praise to Stevens, the theme of this year's competition was Elvis Presley, Stevens' favorite musician.

Emotions ran rapid as the girls spent three grueling days in competition. "The best thing about it was that everyone shared the same feeling - nervousness," said Vallejo.

At the end of the competition, Diane Zenci was crowned with the title of Portage's junior miss of 1999. First runner-up in the competition was Julie Lachmondy.

Written Nicholas Christian

and Alyson Merkner

Designed Alyson Merkner



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Before the start of the pageant, Mr. Stevens and the contestants go over positions. This years program was dedicated to Mr. Stevens.

Under the lights, the Junior Miss Contestants compete in the Physical Fitness portion of the evening. This segment took place on the second day of the pageant.



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Before a regular Track practice, sophomore Kristen Selund ties one of her running shoes. This is Selund's first year trying out for the Track team.



In the cafeteria, sophomores Collin Highlands and Brandon Arnold grab some spaghetti and garlic bread at this years Cheerleader's Spaghetti dinner.



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Heather Bailey
Timothy Bailey
Cynthia Baker
Richard Barajau

Annette Bartok
Brian Beach
Monica Bedoya
Jerry Beeson
Connie Behling
Breanna Belke
Lauren Benson
Jeffery Bernlien





Jessica Bernquist
Jennifer Bitter
Evan Blanchard
Kaley Boska
Maire Boller
Tom Bordon
Michael Boyle
Anthony Bradshaw

Roxanne Bravo
Seth Brittan
Kari Brown
Michael Brown
Robert Brown
Heather Buhning
Christopher Burch
Laura Burch

Holly Burgess
Jennifer Caldwell
Jonathan Caldwell
Laura Carpenter
Dante Carter
Robert Carter
Maureen Cary
Jessica Castell

Matthew Cate
Kellee Chaffant
Brittany Chamberlin
Robert Charbonneau
Christina Chau
Nicholas Christian
Stephanie Christian
Gregory Ceselski

Stephanie Ceselski
Akem Clark
Sandra Clark
Brandon Clough
Kandall Cloyd
Jillian Cloyd
Jacob Cohen
Carrie Coleman

Brandon Collins
Ivan Colon
Francisco Colomejo
Daniel Costa
Christal Couture
Corne Covelli
Matthew Crawford
Grant Gunzer

Kristen French
Sara Crowley
Stacie Fulp
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Natalie Davis
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Jonathon Defauw
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Julian Delph
Alberto Delreal

Jacqulyn Devries
Michael Diamond
Benjamin Dilts
Lauren Dimitri
Brian Dixon
Alessandra Dixon
Mikayla Domigheri
Mamie Domigheri



Lucy Dickey
Wendy Eastman
Michelle Eaton
Sara Eifler
Alyanda Elton
Heather Ellings
Johanna Ellings
Elizabeth Enoka



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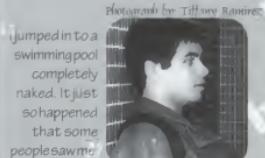
Victoria Perez

Melissa Lopez



I was caught picking my nose in front of everyone! I guess that's pretty embarrassing.

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Daniel Costa

Breanna Beike



I was talking to this guy on the phone. We were laughing when I accidentally farted!

People who
don't shut up!
It's so
annoying!



Photograph by Angela Magana

Justen Prugh

Adam Morris

People who
think that
they know
everything.
They are so
annoying!



Photograph by Tiffany Ramirez

My two pet
peeves are
nuclear war,
carries, and
nomads, yah
know. They
smell like
cabbages.

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Melissa Misner

Lauren Benson

My biggest
pet peeves
people whine.
That makes
me so mad!

Photograph by Kimberly Oduber



Jeffrey Hall
Justin Hampton
Lauren Hansen
Kristopher Handaway
Kimberly Harden
Joseph Hargarten
Liamsophie Hartman
Matthew Harris



Tiffany Harms
Amanda Hart
Derek Harvey
Trina Hasselgren
Diana Hatchett
James Hazzard
Heather Henderson
Paul Henderson



Michelle Henk
Dennis Herndon
Tonya Hendra
Marta Hernandez
Michelle Hicks
Adam Higgins
Colin Highlands
Patrick Highlands



Anthony Holman
Joseph Hood
Timothy Howard
Milan Hughes
Jennina Hughes
Tiffany Huhne
Brad Hullsiek
Kristen Hutchins



Uma Hutman
Sanez Ibrahim
Jamie Irvin
Andriana Ivanovic
Christopher Iwan
Sadia Javed
Manna Jordan
Maureen Jordan



Sophmores

Katrina Karsikas
Hil Jahn
Bradley James
Jessica Johnson
Kevin Justice
Jennifer Kammer
Christopher Kamich
Candice Keaton



Santino Kedding
Roxane Kees
Steven Kellman
Brenda Kennedy
Jade Kinsler
Michelle Kinnoli
Emilee Kirk
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Crystal Knolla
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Sara Krejci
Stephanie Kuehl
Stephanie Labrie
Juliana Lach
Lindsey Langston
Crystal Leesmer

Kristen Leon
Nicole Leon
Amy Lesko
Jamie Lewis
Jason Lewis
Stephen Leyden
Keryl Lightfoot

Justin Lindsey
Dolores Lira
Danielle Little
Amy Lochmady
Stephanie Lofland
Margret Lomax
Ian Low
Jennifer Luther

A collage featuring five student portraits with their names and photo credit below them. A large, stylized question mark graphic is overlaid across the center of the collage.

Robert Holtzman
I wouldn't swim in dogpoop.
Photograph by Tiffany Ramirez

Jeffrey Veach
I wouldn't go shrimp.
Photograph by Katherine Garris

Caryn Adair
I wouldn't jump out of an airplane without a parachute.
Photograph by Tiffany Ramirez

Gregory Cieslak
I wouldn't go to 100,000.
Photograph by Janet Reno

My favorite
pj's would
have to be my
Old Navy
sweatpants
and T-shirts.



Stephanie Labno

Adam Higgin

My favorite
pajamas are
my Duke's of
Hazzard
jammies.



Photograph by Tiffany Ramirez

I only sleep in
boxers.
Nothing else,
because I like
to be
comfortable.



Photograph by Tiffany Ramirez

Who
are
you?

Rebecca Rodriguez

I wear a shirt
from 1983
and no shorts
because they
give me
wedges!



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Angela Magana
Andrea Mak
Amber Malek
Cassie Mann
Justin Marcellita
Jamie Marsh
Crystal Massom
Beau Mason

Shawn Masterson
Ian Mathers
Joann Matthew
Melissa Mattingly
Lisa May
Nicholas Maynik
Melissa Mc Gregor
Joshua McCluskey

Albert McCorkle
Nicole McCoy
Jamie McCune
Hunter McKee
Jason McKinney
Erica Mendez
Jennifer Mesich
Jeffery Metz

Belinda Meyers
Joseph Michnik
Amber Miller
Brandi Minor
Patricia Mischke
Melissa Misner
Michael Moon
Paul Moore

Shannon Moore
Adam Moreno
Jason Morris
Melesia Morris
Aaron Movie
Cassandra Mowbray
Nina Muhammad
Philip Mulroe

Debra Munoz
Michael Myers
Jillian Nestler
Eric Newbold
Christopher Newton
Jessica Nicholson
Lauren Niewcwick
Justin Nolan

My friend and I
got all
dressed up
just to go to
the movies to
go find some
guys.



Photograph by Katherine Carris

Brooke Wozniak

Sandy Kennedy

I wore a mistle
toe during the
holidays. You
know what
that's for!



Heather Elkins

What have you
done to get
their look?



Michael Pickart

I saw this guy and
wanted him to notice me so
I pretended to go
to the movies.



I tried to do a
flip off the
bleachers to get
the attention of
some cheerleaders.
Let's just say it
didn't work!

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Crystal Palmateer
Holly Panagakos
Angelo Papachronic

Jaclyn Parker
Shannon Parker
Brandon Parks
Christine Parks
Nicole Farrel
Honey Paul
Jeremy Pedone
Angela Peete

Nicole Pennington
Victoria Perez
Edward Persin Jr.
Melody Petersen
Justin Phillips
Dawn Piazza
Michael Pickart
Nicole Piechra

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Abby Porter
Reggie Porter
Dustin Potts
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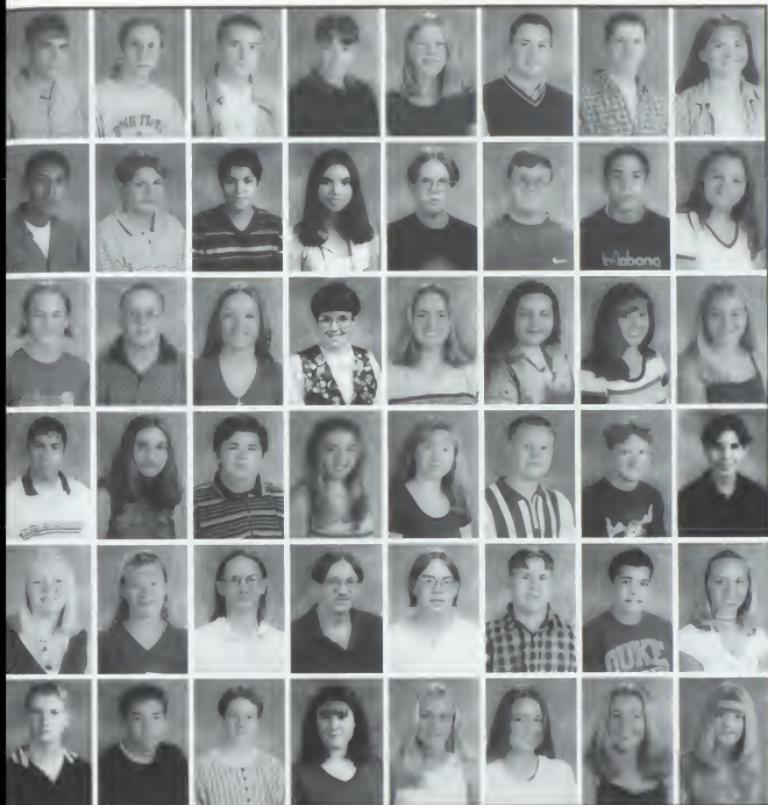
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Jerry Rogers
Adam Roman
Crystal Kissas

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John Rosemeyer
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Jeffrey Scott
Kristen Selund

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Joseph Setnor
Curt Shaffer
Jennifer Sharp
Eryn Sheehan
Stephanie Shepherd
Angela Shields
Allison Shoppa



it was in the
girl's backyard
on her swing
set.



Photograph by: Tiffany Ramirez

Mitchell Sims

WHERE
WAS YOUR
FIRST KISS

It was during
naptime in
kindergarten.
I stuck over and
kissed her.
She woke up
and kissed me
back.



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Rodney Revels

Jeanette Sanchez

Monica Tatela



Photograph by: Tiffany Ramirez

My first kiss
was in the 1st
grade. We
went into one
of those
playground
tunnels and
kissed.

Photograph by: Tiffany Ramirez



The special
moment was
at the county
fair. We were
on the ferris
wheel at the
top and
kissed!

Kristina Biernacki
Benjamin Blum
Mitchell Brink
Steven Sipich
Carolyn Slomkowski
Brock Slowik
Jessica Smedely
Colin Smith



Heidi Smith
Kevin Smith
Kindra Smith
Robert Smith Jr.
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Jamie Sutton
Scott Swanson

Prenna Sweeney
Erin Sweeney
Kristen Szabó
Ashely Szymbala
Jeffery Szybala
Forest Terry
Brandie Thiel
TJ Thomas

William Thomas
Aslina Tibbets
Veronica Tilley
Douglas Tomes
Michael Torchia
Hilda Torres
Rachel Torres
Dolores Townsend

Dennis Trafney
Jennifer Travis
Tiffany Tucker
Christen Tuttle
Mitchell Vance
Jennifer Vargas
Jeffery Veach Jr.
Robert Vega

I ran outside
half naked and
jumped in the
snowbank
during the
storm and
made a snow
angel.



Photograph by Katherine Garris

Me and Ben
were dared to
spit into each
other's mouths.



Photograph by Katherine Garris

Hollie Owen

Juanita Bermio



Photograph by Katherine Garris

I had to lick
some
toothpaste
from between
my toes.

What
did you do
on a dare?

Richard Barajas

Veronica Tilley



I had to go to
this person's
house in
nothing but a
towel and ask
for some
shampoo!

All I need to know in life, I learned from Sophomores

1. When you need a confidence boost, you can push around the freshman.
2. Take gym no dresses seriously, unless you want an F in the class.
3. Unless you're a starter, don't mess with the senior football players.

4. The only way to get through life is to PARTY!!

5. If you want to get out of high school, pass your ISTEP the first time.. or your second... or your third.

6. Step ladders should be required for lockers.

7. Get to know more of the upper classmen. (It helps!)

8. You're stuck in the middle of "upper" and "lower" classmen.

9. You don't have to sneak over to the big building for lunch anymore.

10. When you're barely passing a class, try REAL hard to pass the final



Ryan Villa
Chris Wambsgans
John Wright
Anthony Vottero
Mary Walicka
Shree VonTua Walker
Bernadette Walsh
Michael Wampler

Teresa Wango
Melissa Weidenar
Christopher Wells
Erin Wendt
Stephanie White
John Wilburn
Donald Wilson
Scott Wolozanski

Nolan Worley
Brooke Wozniak
Derrick Wright
Ryan Wright
Dawn Zimmerman
Michael Ziulkowski II
Michael Zonder
Lucas Zonck



At the top of the stairs, sophomores, Douglas Tomes, Richard Barajas, and Michael Ziulkowski laugh at a joke.



In the rain, sophomores cheer on the football team. It was during a homecoming football game.

At the sign-in table juniors Kevin Luelliman and Ilse Conover show their students ID's before entering the prom.

Students had to present the ID and their tickets before they were allowed to enter the prom..

On senior Donald Lunbeck's shoulders, senior Kevin McGuffey makes his way to the center stage for prom court for the crowning of the king and queen. Each nominee arrived to center floor for the crowning in their own unique way.



Prom prince Aaron Priest and princess Denisa Hobgood a dance after being crowned. Before being crowned prince, Priest read through the booklets full of memories that were set on each table.



Say



junior Carrie Rake

Prom was a blast. The food and entertainment were great, the music was entertaining and my date was terrific. I was also on the prom committee and enjoyed planning prom.

“Prom was a blast, we all had so much fun. It was the highlight of my junior year and now I can't wait for my senior prom.”



junior Bethany Kane

“What?

Spring Break is awaited and planned for the entire year. It's time to hit the beaches and hang out with friends...It's Spring Break.

After what seems like a long car ride (or limousine for the lucky ones), the Expo Center appears. Finally, prom is about to begin. Within a few steps inside the door, music and voices are audible. It is just the beginning to a wonderful night that goes by too quickly.

Every year a lot of work goes into deciding upon a theme for prom and decorations too coordinate with it. "I was on the prom committee and enjoyed planning prom. I hope that next year more people get involved and prom will be even better," junior Bethany Kane said. This

year's theme was "Lost in Paradise", with streamers and balloons the color of sunset, filling the Expo Center.

Many students decided to bring their own cameras to prom to snap poses and candids of their friends throughout the night. Catching pictures of breakdancing, dinner, and everyone having fun. One event that students were sure to catch was the crowning of the prom court.

The dance floor was cleared as the names of the nominees for king, queen, prince, and princess were called. Each

nominee had their own way of making it to the front of the room, ranging from dancing to being carried on someone's shoulders. After the court was crowned, the traditional dance between the king and queen occurred. By this time, prom was nearly over.

Despite the blistered feet and uncomfortable clothing prom was definitely a night to remember, that went by faster than most people wanted it to. "We had a blast! It was great to spend the night dancing and laughing with our friends," junior Scott Riley said.

Written Jennifer Kaiser

Designed Jennifer Kaiser



In front of their ride to prom seniors Rich Ayala and Brandi Arcuri, junior Matthew Andryuk, freshman Jessica Vega, junior Kristen King and seniors Jacob Lopez, Elizabeth Munoz and Mikey Garcia prepare to leave for prom. Many groups of friends pitched in money to rent a limousine to ride to prom in style.



About to remove his date's garter belt during the garter ceremony, junior Scott Riley celebrates a prom tradition with Elizabeth Boznak from Wheeler. Prom goers brought students from other schools, or alumni as dates.

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In one of the gym classes, freshman Mario López gets ready to serve the ball. Freshmen gym classes require them to play pickle ball.



At a swim meet, freshman Nicole Keith focuses on her dive. The divers prepare by finding a focal point and concentrating on it before they dive.



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Kevin Aldehorn
Kandi Alexander
Lori Alicea
Kristen Allen
William Allen
Kristen Alvarado

Ketevia Anders
Angela Andenior
Ikena Anderson
Amber Andrews

Stephanie Anguiano
Kristen Arcuri

Amanda Austin

Michelle Ayala

Ryan Ayres

Erie Baker

Shelia Back

Milliane Baldovinac

Angela Baker

Daniel Baker

Vahonna Baldwin

Glorphame Balunda

Angela Banzer

Alminda Barrentes

Jud Bartley

Wether Bauer

Christina Baugh

Andance Beck

Jay Beckham Jr.

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Caroline Blintz...
Andrew Bennett
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Ryan Berger
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Noelle Bibby
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Dinny Bornheim
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Christopher Bowman
Enola Boyd-Radford

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Whitanna Braun
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Jeffrey Burton
George Byrnad
Jonathan Cain
Elizabeth Caldwell
David Callahan

Ruthie Campbell
Ryan Campbell
Sarah Canner
Christina Cantrell
Shelly Lantu
Mister Carr
Romantha Carr
Patrick Carroll

Daniel Carter
Crystal Cavanaugh
Randall Cawnder
Jaclyn Chagoya
Villa Chapman
Tracy Chapman
Ashley Chasko
Simeung Cheng

hat's something that you can't live without

I couldn't live
without guys

Freshman Tonia Tuttle



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freshman Jennifer Vining

I can't live without
jelly beans and the
band Weezer



Freshman Ryan Jenkins

Women and baseball

Freshman Jill Tingue



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Freshman Brady

Parties and girls

Daniel Gitterman
Krebsen J. Hulzen
Stephanie Ottewell
Elizabeth Wochitka
Steven Grossman
Kenneth Clark
Elephane Cawthon
Dawn Clay



—A Give
Starts Now!
Randy Cowen, II
Michelle Kusler
Donald Knott
George Lechner
Joshua Lody
Peter J. Polk



Misty E.
Elizabeth Collins
Monica Collins
Ashley Coombs
Heather Coombs
Lila Cooper
Kristy Loney
Jonathan Cotten



Samantha Crittrell
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Kayla Grecelius
Jaslon Treason
Jolelyn Crisp
Anthony Crist
Natalie L. Howell
Timothy Gutshall



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Kevole Dearing
Monica Deasbury



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Lorraine Eberle
Matthew J. Flanagan
Robert Flanagan
Sally Flanagan
Matthew Flanagan



hat is the
stupidest thing
you've done



James
Freshmen Kara Gibson

One time I went to a school game and I moaned the car next to us. I didn't think much of it until I saw them at the



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I was falling asleep at school and I fell out of my chair.



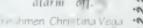
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I struck off property at camp to see a radio tower with friends, and we got caught by a grizzled, old war veteran who said if he caught us again he'd run us down with his truck.



Plantae mit Zerstörung. 573

I went to get out
of my cousins car
and I dented the
brand new car next
to us setting their
alarm off.



alarm off.

You know you're a freshmen if....

- 1) You didn't know you had a top shelf to your locker.
- 2) You bought a swimming pool pass.
- 3) Your parents just lean out the front door and yell your name when they want you.
- 4) You care about your curfew.
- 5) You got your homecoming date from middle school.
- 6) Your backpack weighs more than you.
- 7) You like school lunch.
- 8) You think Kool-aid and adult supervision make a great party.



Kenneth Dease
Michael Eason
Caren Dominguez
Daren Ellingson
Haylie Stoeck
Franz Ziemchak
Nami Dzudzik
Heather Dzuric

Christopher Durkin
Nellie Elckbanger
Craig Edmonds
Dean Efantis
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Ricky Frasure Jr
Chad Fredrickson
James French
Kelly Fulkerison
Samantha Funke

Natalasha Gallion
Juan Garcia
Ryan Garcia
Brent Gardner
Candace Gardner
James Gardner
John Gardner
Lilwell Garibaldi

The class of 2002 cheer and scream as their class presidents perform their skit during the pep rally for fall homecoming.

In Biology, Christopher Aimutis goes through a box for supplies for his lab group. Along with bookwork each student participates in numerous labs.



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Emily Garnett
Tanya Grzibara
Lindsay Gear
Sarah Geary
Kara Gibson
Elaina Gilbert
Carla Gilbertson
Danielle Gingrich



Courtney Goetz
Christopher Gomez
Frank Good
Brooks Gordon
Holly Granzow
Candice Grau
Julie Green
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Dawn Green
Jeffrey Green
Jody Green
Lainlin Groves
Sarah Grunau
Joseph Guadarrall
Brittany Gurley

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Kurt Halfman Jr.
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Sara Hammond
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Lorenchen Hargarten
Jonathan Harris
Justin Harrison
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Alex Hartung
Sean Hassett

Daniel Hobdy
Kavon Hawken
Shane Hedges
Samantha Hedge
Steven Helpin
Ryan Henry
Kerry Hernandez
Rosalina Hernandez

Stephanie Herniman
Eric Herrera
Brandon John
Michael Hobin
Laura Hodges
Jairtha Hoque
Kelly Holbrook
Christopher Hommali

Rex Hood
Sabrina Homak
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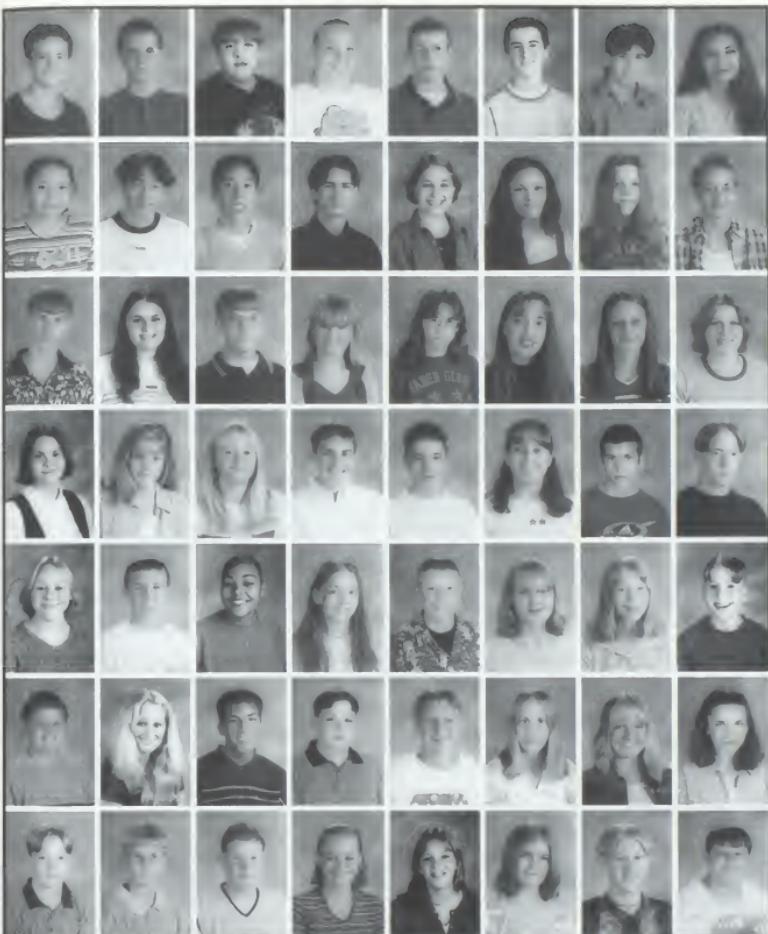
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Lorraine Keator
Nicole Keith
Melecia Kelley

Patrick Kennedy
Kyle Ketcham
Justin Kinder
Jessica Kirk
Darin Klecker
Julie Knight
Jason Komenda
Anthony Michael Krajetz

Before Marching Band begins, Freshman Deborah Roberts draws to pass time. Marching Band begins in the summer to prepare for their long season.

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Emily Kujawski
Isara Kujawski
Nathan Krenker
Bryan Krieg
Richard Krieg
Dermaine Krostaig
Curtis Ksemak
Michael Lankford

Sarah Larkin
Aaron Lasky
Mallory Lawson (Miss)
Ashley Lee
Randi Leggett
Carly Lenison
Isha Leon
Mathew Leonard

Katie Lierch
Bryan Leval
Angela Lewandowski
Stephanie Lewandowski
Amanda Lewis
Dyanna Lilly
Sara Lindsay
Kate Lindstrom

David Lindner
Amanda Litka
Allison Lowe
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Stacy Monner



On the floor, freshmen Crystal Cavanaugh, Russ Nemenko, and Kelly Fulkerson study during resource hour. Most students enjoy having resource hour as a study hall.



Photograph by Katherine Gruen

hat is your favorite saying

The left to quit.
Cassandra Di Sante, Anna

Sometimes our greatest
weaknesses are our
greatest strengths.
Erynn Cimino, Lauren L.

What goes around
comes around.
Kaitlynne Hernandez, Kristin

If you take time to
judge people, then you
won't have time to
love them.
Kippie Koenig, Allie R.



Katrina Metz,
Melissa Mollie,
Harold Marquez Jr.,
Natalie Klimo,
Regan Marie,
Frankie Miller,
Ken Mall,
Natalie Mylett

Jason McEachern,
Megan Mulhern,
Joseph Mullins Jr.,
Alex Mulvihill,
Daniel Murphy,
Brian Nagler,
Allan Nagy,
Russ Natalie

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John Pokorney
Shawn Palewski
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Orlando Powell
Lorraine Powers
Teresa Prince
Trudy Proper
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Adam Ritter
Eric Rivera

Anthony Robt
Deborah Roberts
Andrew Rodriguez
Micheal Rodriguez
Alicia Roman
Enn Rooney
Mandi Roy
Ryan Rosenberger



*I
hat do you look
for in a guy/girl*

that they dress nice
and treat you good.

Freshman Samantha Winn



Table 2. *Mean and Standard Deviations*

They have to be funny, smart, athletic, obedient and good-looking.



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Preferably a nice
body, a positive
personality and
and cute smile are
a must.



At cheerleading practice freshmen Kellie Smith and Christina Vega help lift Jessica Colburn as she pulls a scorpion

In front of the mirror, freshmen Jillian Wallace and Angela Sabosik prepare to go to the dance after a varsity football game.



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Christina Rosperska
Tenja Royal
James Rush
Patrick Rzepka
Angela Sabosik
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Eric Sanders

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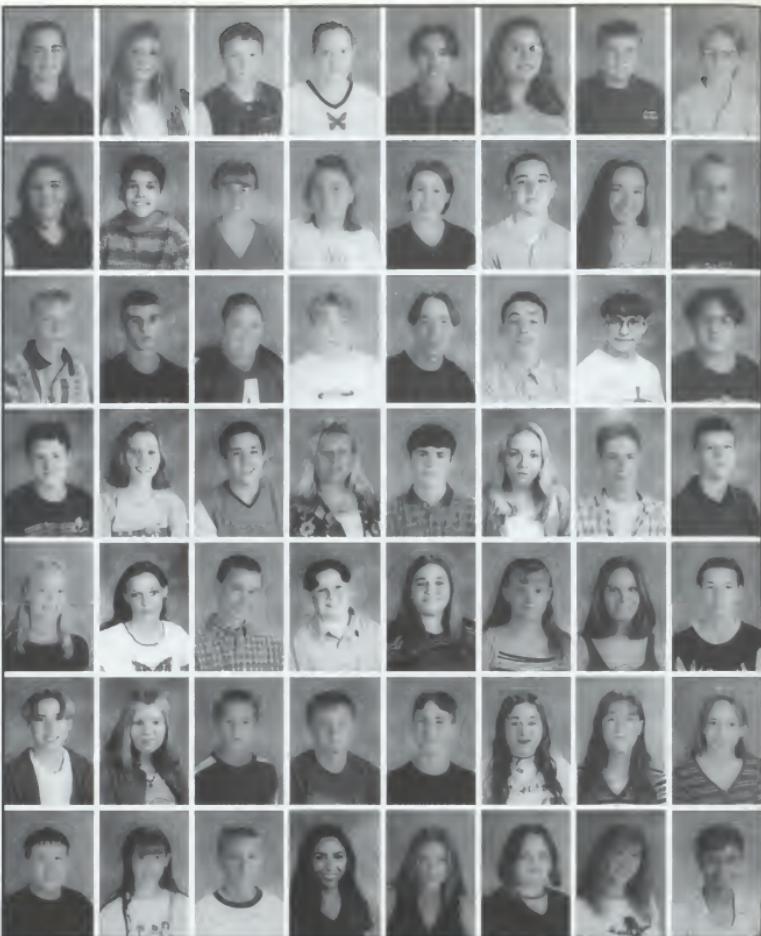
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Sarah Vance
Jessica Vandergriff

Matthew Vanderploeg
Carla Vargas
Matthew Vaughan
Christina Vega
Jessica Vega
Mashonda Venable
Patricia Volk
Shreece Walker



After school,
freshmen Steven
Cimbaljevich and
Matthew Vaughan
talk at their lockers.
Some students have
time to spare before
their after school
activities begin.



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In the weight room Freshman James Rush prepares for this football season by working out.



In her Health class freshman Nina Krass demonstrates the correct way on how to give CPR.

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Skin Wallace
Jennifer Murphy
Allison Wallace
Paul Watson
Stephanie Watz
Amy Weis
Kathy Weigert
Nicholas Weinert

Emanatha Wellman
Elizabeth Wells
Christophe Weltz
Kasey Whalen
Andrew Wheeler
Brooks Wheeler
Luther Whitmer
Gilly Whittner

Jolene Witkowski
Jeanine Wilkins
Sarah Wilkins
Anthony Williams
Stephanie Williams
William Wireman
Nicole Wise
Julissa Wood

Melissa Wright
David Wright
Jill Yaling
Richard Zinkiewicz
Donald Zygowicz

From the lectern back to her row and chair, senior Deanna Zych wraps up the graduating class of 1999. Zych was the final graduate of this millennium.

The senior class walks onto the football field and awaits to be seated. Graduation was held outside for the first time in five years.



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Outside on the field, senior Brandi Arcuri receives her diploma from the superintendent Dr. McKay.



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Twelve years of school, four years of high school, one senior year, all for that one special sheet of paper.

Enough though the sky was a menacing purple and the threat of rain loomed, Portage High School celebrated the graduation of the class of 1999 with style. Principal Mr. Richard Kirchner's decision to have the first outside graduation in five years was courageous considering the vast number of family and friends in attendance. Fate or luck smiled on the graduates that night, as the rain never came.

Valedictorian Brian Balta, Salutatorian Cassandra Mateo, and Senior Class President Daniel Tones all offered their own unique

perspective on what graduation meant to them. Brian reminisced about his years in the Portage Township Schools, also adding quips regarding Star Wars: The Phantom Menace and the need for it to break the box office record of a certain sinking ship. Cassie and Dan both talked about the future potential and offered their best wishes to their fellow classmates. Brian's sarcastic wit, teamed with Cassie's sentimental remembrances, and Dan's words of wisdom created a night to remember for all in attendance. The students had

mixed emotions, but overall most were thrilled to be receiving their diplomas from Mr. Kirchner, Vice-Principal Jerry Lasky, and Assistant Superintendent Jerry Levenda, and leaving the place they have called home for the past four years. However, the students' response paled in comparison to their parent's whistles, shouts, and cheers of joy from the crowd, as their hearts swelled with pride for their children. As friends shared their last few moments of high school together, all reflected on the one thing that changed their life forever- the high school years.

Written Stacie Culp

Designed Elizabeth Batista



In the auditorium, senior Patrick Wilkins sits with his fellow graduates as they listen to a pre-graduation speech given by Mr. Kirchner. This speech told students what was expected of them during their last moments of high school.

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With time to spare seniors Joe Gomez, Richard Rodriguez, Joseph Tarin, and Bryan Buckroff take a moment to laugh and reflect on memories and accomplishments made individually and together. All four of them were in the JROTC program all through their high school career.

As the graduates listen to their fellow classmates and speakers, the excitement rises as graduates wait with anticipation for the moment to hear their name called and for the chance to walk up to the lectern to receive their diploma.

S t a f f

At the cheerleaders spaghetti dinner, Major Johnston, Mr. Hale, Mr. Fortini, and Mr. Fischer eat together. Many faculty members attended student sponsored events throughout the year.



Bonnie Albert,
Jennifer Allen,
Marvin Allison,
Ken Altizer,
Reid Amones,
Robert Beigh,
Barbara Blake,
William Bodnar,

Fran Booth,
Carrie Brown,
Ronald Bule,
Patricia Burger,
Larry Casbon,
Leslie Cashmore,
Joshua Cavan,
Cheryl Clapp,

Clara Clark,
Jason Cope,
Sandy Corso,
Lynette Dean,
Megan Donelli,
James Douglas,
James Downes,
Elizabeth Duncan,

Mary Ann Eckhart,
Jill Erickson,
Vicky Evans,
Katie Ewoldt,
Craig Fantic,
Christian Fields,
Mark Fischer,
Russ Fortini,





Mark Francesconi,
Sue Gallardo,
Julie Goetz,
John Goldshmidt,
Melanie Gordon,
Penny Gorgi,
Marvin Guernsey,
Jerry Hale,

Ronald Hancock,
Debra Heitzmann,
Sandra Herr,
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Christine Kern,
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Les Klein,
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Geri Kotyuk,
Kathy Kotyuk,
Arlene Kramer,
Judy Krieger,

Annette Kulmatycki,
Jane Larson,
Alicia Laeky,
Jerry Laeky,
Linda Lemond,
Tom Levandoski,
Shirley Lindquist,
Mike Lipinski,

Teachers fall "flat on their faces" from admitting some of their most embarrassing experiences.

Today more and more students are going to college to pursue a teaching career because some kids are majorly influenced by their teachers and are looking to give back to the generations to come.

Many teachers have different parts of the job that they enjoy. Some teachers like that they get over four and a half months off a year, some enjoy making influences in their student's life, or even giving a student a chance when no one else would. "I enjoy watching students 'teach' each other I also love the 'lightbulb' theory when I see that someone is understanding an idea or concept," said English teacher Mary Ling-Brown.

Teachers must have a great sense of humor, because they are in front of an audience of about 30 people, waiting for them to screw up so they can laugh

hysterically. "My most embarrassing moment was when I told my students one day to turn in their work 'shits', the time when I was handing back papers, didn't see a huge backpack in the aisle, and fell flat on my face in front of my sophomore class. The poor student that owned the backpack belonged to my neighbor's son across the street," said Mrs. Lemond.

Mrs. Fannin said he has not had many funny experiences in his short career, but he has had one that is sure to last a long time. "It was one of the first school days this year, when I got out of my car in the teacher's parking lot, Mr. Klein approached me and he started yelling at me for parking in the teacher's parking lot. I guess he thought I was a student."

Teachers also have something they want to "pound" into their students head for post high school use and in the real world. What is the most important issue to teach a student? "How to conduct and survive in the 'real world' and through college" said, Algebra teacher, Mr. Fannin.

Each teacher tries to teach their students something unique, something that they can take with them out of school. "I try to teach my students to learn how to learn and love learn. Then they can accomplish anything," said Mrs. Lemond.

In the end teachers are not as bad as many of the students think. They do care about their students, what they do, or what happens to them. Most teachers want their students to go out and make something of their lives. So contrary to what students may believe, teachers really do care about them.

Written Nicholas Christian

Designed Regina Gudinas

Laura Luetzow,
Mary Lute-Brown,
Sara Lux,
Jan Lyman,
Donna MacArthur,
Jill Mangold,
Bonnie Manuel,
Kristin Marsh,

Carrie Martin,
Shelly Martinez,
Barbara Mason,
Richard Mason,
David Masty,
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Linda Oldenbury,
Robert Parker,
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Linda Peda,
Audra Peterson,

W. Popplewell,
Caren Prow,
Wendy Riggs,
Dorothy Rizzo,
Carolyn Rodea,
Samuel Rohr,
Sharon Rothe,
Jim Samuel,



Mr. Kirchner hands out
an award to senior
Jaclyn Frechette. Many
faculty members helped
with sports throughout
the year.

Photography teacher Mr.
Tim Eich tells junior
Kenneth Cheney about
his camera. The art
department offered a
variety of classes.



Teachers lives may be more exciting and unpredictable than students give them credit for.

When the thought of a teacher comes across student's mind, they think of a person they see every day for 90 minutes, but little do they know, their teachers enjoy doing some of the same activities as they do.

Teachers are thought to play the same role 24 hours a day. Surprise, they lead double lives. Many students may dislike a teacher because they are too strict in the classroom, and make them try hard, or perhaps it's because they try to motivate their students to show their true potential, or even get a good grade. In the long run, these teachers may be some of the coolest people, students will ever cross paths with.

Another thing students may not know about their teachers is that they care about their surrounding community. For instance, Mr. Allison

is a volunteer fire fighter and enjoys it very much. However, it is not only the after school jobs they enjoy. "My favorite part of teaching is when I get to interact with the students and finally seeing the light above their head click when they finally grasp an idea," said English/Speech teacher Miss Martin. After school hours though, they have friends and enjoy many activities. Some activities teachers enjoy are going to the movies, taking vacations, and going to the beach. One teacher, Mr. Moody, even enjoys taking his motorcycle out for a ride after a long day of teaching English.

Some have had interesting lives and great experiences before they became teachers. "The most exciting experience I have ever had is scoring the go-ahead touchdown against Dayton, the number five ranked

college football team in division 1-AA," said first-year teacher Mr. Fantin.

There are very talented athletes among us, also. Mr. Allison played in a Mens National Championship softball team and was named all-american. Mr. Fantin also played in a division 1-AA football for Valparaiso University and was chosen captain his senior year.

Next there are the daredevil type teachers in our school. For example Mr. Kamel and Miss Martin decided one day that they would jump 13,000 feet out of a two propeller airplane however, Mr. Stevens laughs at those one timers since he has successfully parachuted over three hundred times.

In the end, teachers are people too, so do not prejudge a person, especially a teacher, until you have walked a mile in their shoes.

Written Nickolas Christian

Designed Regina Gudinas



Tom Sanidas, English
Jane Schmidt, History
William Schott, Home
Darryl Shultz, Math
Raymond Sirfig, Science
Marjorie Slamkowski,
Debbie Smith, French
Brigitte Snemis, Spanish

Vanesa Sobolewski, English
Tim Somers, Instrumental Tech
Joseph Sparacino, Math
Mary Sparacino, Math
Cindy Splitgerber, English
Sue Squire, English
Cynthia Stojic, Art
Madeline Summers, English

Robert Symer, English
Larry Tharp, English
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Charles Tomes, Math
Gail Trobaugh, English
Peter Turpa, Social Studies
Renee Turpa, English
Donna White, English

Paula Wiese, English
Lynn Wilson, English
Virginia Wilt, English
Yan Wolfman, English
Donna Yaklic, English
Dawn Yovanovich, English

All **Opportunities** *Considered*

Since day one opportunities have been had the opportunity to support games by available to the student body. cheering on the team. On the other participating in school functions was hand, choraliuers practiced after school one example. Senior Christopher to perfect their routines. While, junior Smolnicky puts on his makeup for Nathan Peek played his guitar.

"The Chorus Line". Other Students



Mandi Bartok



You've grown into a very special
young lady. We are SO proud of you.
The world is yours now.

Good Luck,

Mom, Dad, Annj, and Richie

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Adam Medved

Congradulations

Adam



It seems like only yesterday you were just a little boy, now here you are graduating from Portage High School. Your gentleness, patience, and always doing for others have been an inspiration to all your family. There are many of us who look up to you. We are all very proud of you.

With all our love,

Mom, Dad, & Family

Congratulations

We're so proud
of you!



Love,
Mom, Dad,
and Nick

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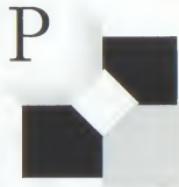
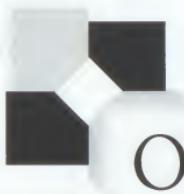
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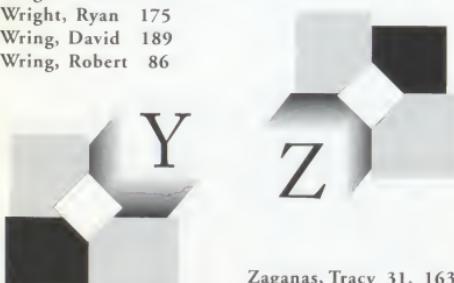
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At the end of the day students walk towards their cars

to end the day and in this case the school year. They

leave behind them their books and papers, but the

memories they take with them will be forever

remembered much longer.



*T*here is nothing like school spirit to gain a sense of

pride about ones school. The students cheer and shout as

a play is made at one of the many football games that

the Portage Indians had won. Many students congregated

together to support one another.





With all things considered, the school year finally

comes to a close as the last car pulls out of the parking

lot. Another school year has gone as quickly as it came.

It will only be a matter of time however before it is full

again and alive with all the sounds of a new school year.



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